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The Opportunity

MR Foster Dulles did not break a lot of new ground in his address to the United Nations General Assembly, but he wins admiration and congratulations for the fine balance of his peroration. He engaged in no high optimism, but he gave a forceful impression that the world right now possesses the biggest opportunity of a decade to bring about a lasting peace. The Geneva "summit" meeting started something, as it was intended to do, but it has yet to be determined precisely what it could result, as Mr Dulles hopes it will, in a "decade of true peace," although the implied time limitation is a trifle disconcerting. It could finally reveal itself as nothing more than a gesture on the part of the Russian rulers. But in some shape or another it must have its impact on future world events, and the great expectation is that this will become manifest during the new session of the General Assembly. The dominant question is whether the goodwill and friendly spirit of the Geneva meeting can be sustained by the East and West within the United Nations; whether the Communist bloc can enlarge their ideas of co-existence to co-operation and thereby give substance to the aims and ideals upon which the Big Four leaders found agreement.

ALTHOUGH there was a tendency for the "summit" talks to give the impression that questions such as disarmament, the security of Europe, the reunification of Germany and other international problems were exclusively the concern of the Big Four, the reality is that in all these issues the United Nations Organisation has a dominating interest. It is this fact which imposes great importance to the deliberations of the UN during its new session. Mr Foster Dulles, speaking for the Western world, has indicated the willingness of the democracies to work unrelentingly towards the goal of peace, and to do so in a practical manner. All that remains is for the Soviet Union and her associates to do likewise. Geneva prepared the ground and the way is open for substantial progress during the coming months towards creating entirely new international relations. There may not recur such a splendid opportunity for realising the desires and hopes of the people of the world.

BURGESS, MACLEAN DRAMA

Beat Security Officers By A Few Hours

WHITE PAPER DISCLOSURES ON DIPLOMAT SPIES

London, Sept. 23.

A Government White Paper revealed tonight that the two British diplomats, Donald Maclean and Guy Burgess, fled from Britain on the very day that Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison ordered an interrogation of Maclean.

The Government statement however shed no light on whether a "third man" had tipped off the two diplomats, who are now believed to be in Moscow as advisers to the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

The White Paper implicated Maclean in giving secret information to the Soviet Union but made no reference at all to the activities of Burgess, apart from the fact that he had Communist sympathies while at Cambridge University.

The White Paper indicated that Maclean had been spying for the Soviet Union for "some years" before January, 1949.

Defending itself against criticism for not having arrested Maclean and the other missing diplomat, Guy Burgess, before they could flee the country, the Government said:

"In some countries no doubt, Maclean would have been arrested first and questioned afterwards. In this country, no arrest can be made without adequate evidence."

The White Paper stated that in January, 1949, the security authorities received a report that certain Foreign Office informants had leaked to the Soviet authorities some years earlier.

"The field of suspicion had been narrowed by mid-April, 1951, to two or three persons. By the beginning of May, Maclean had come to be regarded as the principal suspect."

The White Paper said that Maclean and Burgess gave no evidence during the course of their career in the Foreign Service of any association other than would be normal between two colleagues.

"It is now clear that they were in communication with each other after the return of Burgess from Washington in 1951 and they may have been in such communication earlier."

He Knew

The White Paper said: "It is now clear that in spite of the precautions taken by the authorities, Maclean must have become aware at some time before his disappearance, that he was under investigation."

"One explanation may be that he was no longer receiving certain types of secret papers. It is also possible that he

detected he was under observation. Or he may have been warned. Searching enquiries involving individual interrogations were made into this last possibility. Insufficient evidence was obtainable to form a definite conclusion or to warrant prosecution."

Maclean, at the time he was under investigation, was head of the American Department of the Foreign Office. The White Paper did not specify when Burgess came under suspicion. The White Paper indicated that since their escape behind the Iron Curtain, Maclean and Burgess had lived near Moscow. They were used as "advisers to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other Soviet agencies."

The White Paper said that, up to the time of Maclean's escape, there was "no legally admissible evidence to support a prosecution under the official secrets act."

Narrow Escape

On May 25, 1951, the very day the two diplomats disappeared, the then Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, authorised the security services to question Maclean.

The statement said that both diplomats, while students at Cambridge University in the early 1930's, had shown Communist sympathies. There was no evidence that Maclean had ever been a member of the Communist Party and both, on leaving the university, had outwardly renounced Communist views.

The White Paper said that the two diplomats left Maclean's home at Tatsfield, Kent, on Friday night, May 25, 1951. They crossed from Southampton to St. Malo the same night, leaving on board the Channel steamer their baggage and a few clothes. They were thought to have taken a taxi to Rennes and then to have caught a train to Paris. They were never seen again.

Mrs Dunbar, mother-in-law of Maclean, told the Foreign Office in confidence that on August 3, 1951, she received two registered letters posted in St. Gallen, Switzerland, containing drafts on London banks

for two separate sums of £1,000. Both drafts had been remitted by a Mr Robert Becker whose address was given as the Hotel Central, Zurich. The name given was probably false.

Cleverly Planned

The White Paper said that Mrs Maclean's flight to join her husband behind the Iron Curtain was clearly "cleverly planned". As an American citizen, the British Government had no power to prevent her leaving the country and going to Switzerland.

TYPHOON KATE LATEST

The Royal Observatory this morning reported that Typhoon Kate was centred within 120 miles of 18 deg. N and 118 deg. E, moving west or west-north-west at 12 knots.

This places the storm west of northern Luzon and between 300 and 400 miles southeast of Hongkong. If the typhoon continues on its present course it should pass south of the Colony.

It appeared that she arrived at Schwartzach, Austria, in the American zone of Austria, on September 12, 1953 after crossing the frontier from Switzerland. There she and her children were met by an unidentified man who took them away by car, probably to the Soviet zone.

The White Paper said that the refugee Soviet diplomat, Vladimir Petrov, had confirmed that Maclean and Burgess had gone to the Soviet Union where they had been joined by Mrs Maclean.

The Government defended itself against criticisms of its silence on the case by saying that counter-espionage depends for its success on the maximum secrecy. — France-Press.

100 Killed By Hurricane In Barbados

Miami, Florida, Sept. 23.

Hurricane Janet was reported here today to have killed at least 100 people and left thousands homeless in the British island of Barbados.

A state of emergency was declared in Barbados, a 168-square-mile British-owned island with a population of 200,000. Wreckage was reported strewn across roads and the damage to sugar cane, the island's chief crop, was estimated at millions of dollars.

Other islands of the Windward group, near Barbados were enveloped in silence despite a call for information from them by the United States Weather Bureau.

St Vincent, due west of Barbados, and possibly Grenada to the south, were believed to have been struck by the hurricane. — Reuters.

West German Border Shooting

Hof, Germany, Sept. 23. A Communist military patrol crossed the border into West Germany yesterday and fired on a US Army patrol, the army said today.

A spokesman said the "unidentified" patrol was 100 yards within West German territory. There were no casualties, and the US patrol did not return fire, he added.

The incident took place six miles from the Bavarian border town which is a few miles north of the Czechoslovak border. — United Press.

Bulgania's Opinion

Denver, Sept. 23. Mr Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Premier, declared in a message to President Eisenhower that Mr Eisenhower's plan for exchanging military blueprints "would become significant only if agreement is reached on the reduction of armaments and on taking measures for the prohibition of atomic weapons." — Reuters.

Cyprus Not For Discussion

United Nations, Sept. 23. The United Nations plenary General Assembly today decided not to put the Cyprus issue on the Assembly's agenda. The voting was 28 to 22 with 10 abstentions. — France-Press.

Script Writer Saddens BBC Listeners

London, Sept. 23.

British housewives wept today for the fictitious heroine of their favourite radio serial. She was killed off by a script writer for the British Broadcasting Corporation. Some 9,000,000 listeners to "The Archers—An Everyday Story of Country Folk," last night heard the heroine, Grace Archer, die in the arms of her husband after being trapped in a burning barn. Hundreds of women called the BBC to ask why Grace had been killed. Many offered aid to the "bereaved husband."

A family in Dover pulled down the blinds in their

home as a sign of mourning. Viewers in Birmingham cancelled a movie date.

One unhappy housewife told the BBC: "I don't see any reason for getting rid of Grace. She and Phillip haven't been married long and they seem to be happy. Why did she have to die?"

A BBC spokesman said the episode was planned last March because writer Ed Mason decided to eliminate Grace from the plot. "We want to keep the programme realistic," said the spokesman. "Normal families have deaths and other tragedies—why not the Archers?" — United Press.

Ex-MP Count Sues City Of Paris

Paris, Sept. 23.

Count Arnold Bendoricich, who was once a Liberal member of the British parliament, today sued the city of Paris for the return of 420 acres of land he donated for a garden city.

His legal representative, Maître René Floriot, said the Count donated the land on condition that the building of the garden city at Beaugrenard, near here, began within five years of the donation. More than five years have passed and nothing had been done, Maître Floriot said.

The judge in chambers nominated an expert to check that work had not yet begun and Maître Floriot said his client would revoke the donation as soon as this had been proved.

Count Arnold Bendoricich, born Maurice Arnold, joined East Ham North Division in the House of Commons from 1911 to 1918.

He took Liechtenstein nationality in 1932 and became a diplomatic counsellor in the principality on the eastern border of Switzerland.

Now 76 years old he is reputed to be fabulously rich and owns property in Biarritz, the Côte d'Azur and Switzerland. — Reuters.

Dulles Not Impressed

Washington, Sept. 23.

The American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, declared that the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Molotov's speech today before the United Nations General Assembly seemed at first impression only to be a reiteration of the Soviet position.

Mr Dulles made his statement upon his arrival here from New York, where he attended today's session of the General Assembly.

"At first impression it seemed to me to be a restatement of old positions. I didn't see anything new in it."

Dulles accused Molotov of quoting out of context his speech to the General Assembly yesterday. "He quoted me as saying that disarmament is not possible. But what I did say was that under conditions of fear, disarmament is very difficult. He also said that if fear were removed, disarmament would be possible." — France-Press.

REBELS KILLED

Algiers, Sept. 23.

French forces have killed 21 Algerian outlaws and taken one prisoner in operations begun yesterday in the Nememtas mountains. It was announced today.

Twelve weapons were seized by the French, who announced that the operation was continuing. — France-Press.

STRIKE ENDED

Paris, Sept. 23.

The 24 hours "warning strike" launched yesterday by French railway engineers and mechanics ended in Paris this evening. Regular rail and suburban traffic was reported normal by the railroad management. — France-Press.

Rioting Breaks Out In Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Sept. 23.

Pro-Peron workers staged riots today within a few hours of the triumphant inauguration of General Eduardo Lonardi as new President of Argentina.

Armoured cars fired on advancing demonstrators at Rosario City, about 100 miles northwest of Buenos Aires. In the capital itself, there were riots in working class suburbs to the south of the city.

The government broadcast an appeal to the Rosario rioters to disband, warning that anti-personnel bombs would be used by the Air Force if they failed to respond. Rosario is Argentina's second city, with a population of more than 600,000.

CARS STONED

In the Buenos Aires dock area, pro-Peron demonstrators advanced threateningly towards newer plants of the Argentine Electricity Company, stoning cars on the way.

Armoured units rushed to the southern suburbs to disband the crowds. Drawbridges over a waterway separating the area from other parts of Buenos Aires were raised.

Buenos Aires radio appealed for calm as other parts of the capital resounded to the cheers of people thronging the streets celebrating the replacement of Peron, whose nine-year-old regime was toppled on Monday by General Lonardi's forces.

One of the city's riot centres was the manufacturing area of Avellaneda, across the River Riachuelo, where workers 30 years ago rose up against army leaders who had imprisoned Peron, then a vice-president. — Reuters.

CONSUL'S SUICIDE

Ceylon, Sept. 23.

The Swedish Consul in Ceylon, George Olof Widgren, was found dead in his bedroom this morning. An inquest handed down a verdict of death by suicide from an overdose of sleeping pills.

A note was found on Widgren's bed-table which read: "Freda, I love you". The note was signed simply "G".

The inquest established that the "Freda" referred to was probably the wife of Mr K. P. F. Witt, Danish Consul to Ceylon.

Witt, who testified at the inquest, said Widgren had frequently made protestations of love to his wife, but that he, Witt, had never taken them seriously. Widgren, who was 55 years old, was divorced in Sweden. He lived in a big house in Colombo with three servants and a chauffeur. — France-Press.

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Interesting News Stories From All Parts Of The World

A Concert Violinist Goes To Sea

Montreal. A 105-ft. battle-tested former Canadian Navy submarine chaser has become the permanent home of a concert-violinist turned sea-dog.

From Paganini to grizzled sea-captain is a long way, but British-born George H. Lapenson, a 34-year-old musician turned skipper, explained that he has been sea-conscious most of his life. So it didn't seem too strange when he bought the war surplus craft.

"It's been my dream to own my craft and sail the high seas," Mr. Lapenson said.

Mr. Lapenson changed the name to "Tiziane"—the name of a radio programme on which he performed on a long-distance broadcasting network.

Father Said 'No'
"The Captain," as he now calls himself, was born in Chatham, England, but spent his youth in Latvia near the Baltic where he acquired his first love, for the sea.

He had wanted to go before the mast, but his father had different ideas and as a result George ended up as one of the finest interpreters of Paganini in Europe and as an instructor at the Paris Conservatory of Music.

The sleek craft, anchored in the St. Lawrence River, is undergoing a complete mechanical overhaul.

Mr. Lapenson said he would sail by early spring. A five-man Latvian crew has been lined up for the first trip which will be a breeding-in run to Florida and then, if all goes well, to Europe.

Mr. Lapenson, whose only marine experience consisted of a short term with the Royal Navy during the war, wanted to buy a boat after the war when there were many available, but said he didn't have the money at that time.—United Press.

A Zoo Plans An Antelope's Dream Home

Washington. Smart antelopes—those looking for a really comfortable life—will put up in the future at the National Zoological Park.

Zoo Director Dr. William Mann said he wanted to build America's smartest antelope house. Tentative plans call for modern design curves, all-year Florida climate, and a swimming pool.

"We've been looking over antelope houses all over the country and now we plan to build the best," Dr. Mann said.

"I don't know what it will cost yet. We're asking congress for \$15,000 to pay for drawing up plans," he said.

Dr. Mann said the model home for antelope would probably have about 40 cages. This would house from 12 to 20 varieties of antelope from ones the size of rabbits to ones almost as big as cows.

They Like Swamps
Also there'll be some tropical buffaloes, wild pigs and kangaroos.

"We are thinking of curving cage fronts to break up the crackerbox look you see in so many zoos," Dr. Mann said.

"And we'll probably have a special pool for the sitingues antelope. They like to live in swamps."

The temperature will be maintained at 65 to 70 degrees. Dr. Mann said the general decor is being left up to the architects.

The zoo does not expect any trouble in getting plenty of antelope once the deluxe quarters are completed.

"Most of them come from Africa and India," Dr. Mann said. "But you can buy all you want in this country. We haven't done this because we did not have the facilities."

For example, the zoo was given a sitingues from Chicago a few years ago.

"It died," Dr. Mann said, sadly. "No pool. Not even a swamp."—United Press.

NOW A HAT IS A HAT!

New York. "Everything has been eliminated," hat designer John Frederick signed, expressing the modern woman's preference for simplicity in clothing in a different way.

"Women want small hats that are convenient for traveling and easy to get in and out of cars with," he said.

Male hats, incidentally, are out.—United Press.

From Vancouver: An Ex-Serviceman Says "Thank You" To The Authors Of A Best-seller.

From Brussels: Scientists And Explorers Plan To Visit Antarctica In Force.

From New York: Doctors Warn Their Colleagues To Use Penicillin Carefully.

From Los Angeles: A 100-year-old Egg Suddenly Hatches After A Flood.

Girl Guides Do Their Good Deed By Adopting "Grandparents"

New York.

More than 600 elderly men and women have been "adopted" by teenage girls in New York in a unique project that is beginning to spread to other parts of the United States.

An adopted grandparent, the old people suddenly find themselves getting cards on their birthdays, candy at Easter, unexpected visits from youngsters and even a night out now and then.

MOST SUCCESSFUL PROJECT

One grandfather became so popular that the girls' parents began including him in family outings.

"It is one of our most successful projects," a girl scout official said. Girl scout troops in the metropolitan area started

the grandparent adoption five years ago. Recently other cities became interested in the idea.

"The girls gain as much from it as the old people," one director of an old people's home said. "We didn't think of that when we first agreed to let them adopt some of our residents. But the girls learn something about the way old people live. They rarely have grandparents in their homes these days—there isn't room. So this is good experience for them."

A man started the idea. He was the recreation director for 1,800 old people living in a city-financed home and hospital on Welfare Island. A check of the records showed that 1,700 of the residents were never visited by relatives or remembered on holidays.

"Nobody was interested in them," Mr. Arthur Holtzman said. "So any attention the youngsters showed them was invaluable." Now, five years later, 8,000 girls have some part in the lives of 523 old people living in homes for the aged in five New York boroughs.

HE'D FORGOTTEN HIS BIRTHDAY

Occasionally a prospective grandparent is apprehensive. One old man worried that he wouldn't know what to talk about when his scout troop arrived for a visit.

The visit ended with the girls sitting on the floor and their adopted grandfather reading them poems he had written and kept carefully hidden away.

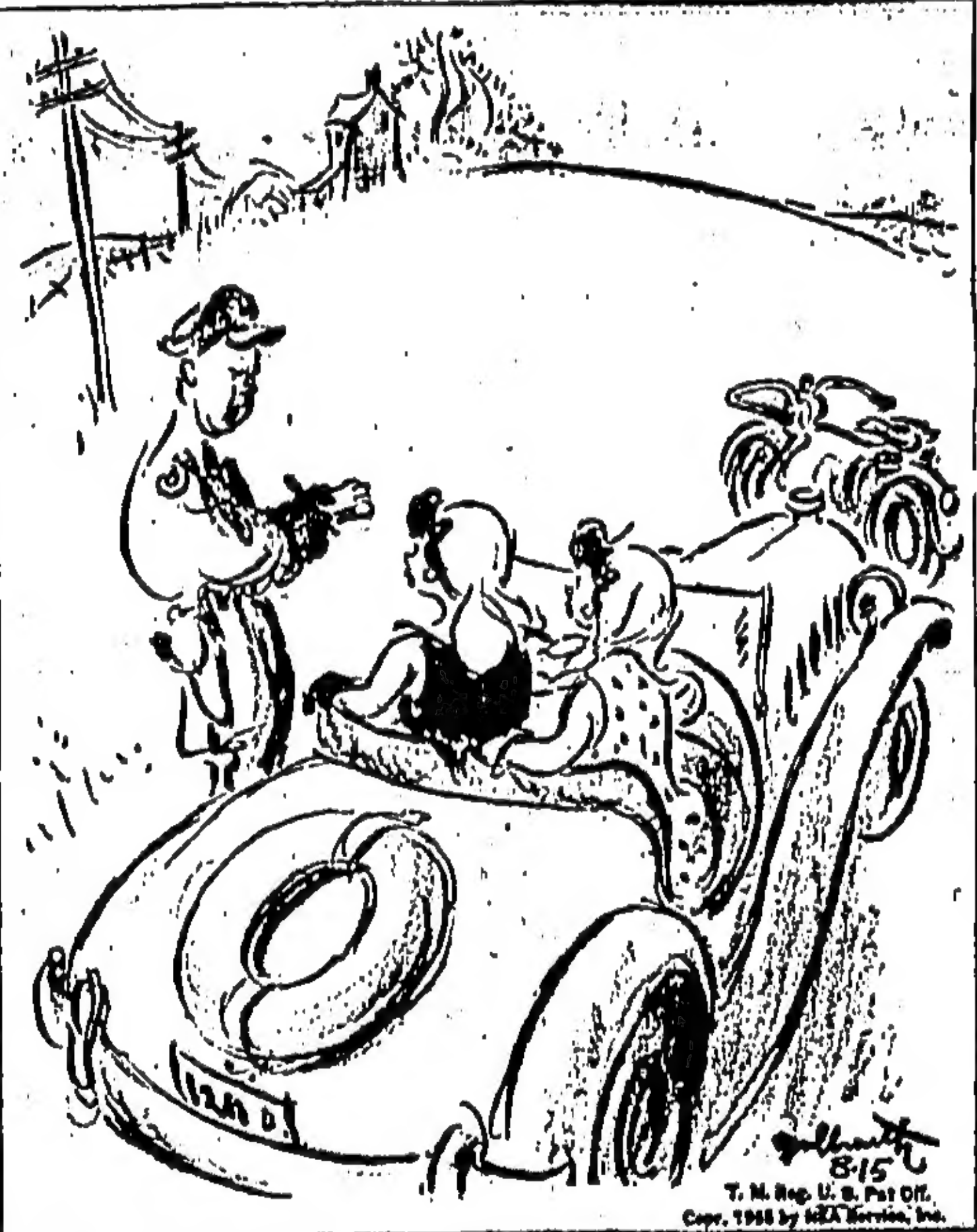
Another troop discovered their adopted grandfather had forgotten his birthday. They picked a day convenient for him, designated it as his birthday, and invited him to a surprise birthday party.

"We intend to keep our adopted grandmothers as long as we are a troop," a group of girls from 10 to 13 years old wrote the National Scout Council. "She is 94 years old now—and we hope she lives to be at least 100."

Individual attention is the key to the project's success, Mr. Holtzman believes. Generous groups visit the old age wards regularly to hand out cigarettes, candy and other gifts.

"But when 20 girls concentrate on the old person—that really does something for him," Mr. Holtzman said.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I know it's a sport car, miss! I even know the game we've been playing for two miles—hide-and-seek!"

He Wants To Thank The Authors Of 'Above Us The Waves'

Vancouver. A 34-year-old former naval pilot accepted—with some amazement—the windfall sum of more than \$200 from the British Admiralty.

Airlines passenger agent Rodney Dove owes his sudden luck to the Benson and Warren best-seller, "Above Us The Waves."

His story began during World War II, when he served as a Royal Navy pilot on two-man torpedoes which operated from midgeat submarines.

The two-seater torpedo would be launched from the submarine and two frogmen would guide the self-propelled load of dynamite below the sea into an enemy harbour.

Describing his eventual capture by enemy forces, Mr. Dove said: "Ten of us went in at Palermo in Italy on five torpedoes. I was one of six captured. Two were killed, and two were back to back to back."

A British Admiral read the book, produced the Admiralty into making it into a film. The book mentioned that the captured frogmen hadn't been paid the six shillings daily rate for the time they spent as prisoners of war.

Mr. Dove believes he is the only one living in Canada of the eight or 10 men who received the "above us" pay. He is now married to a Dutch girl.—United Press.

Thirteen Nations Will Send Expeditions To The Frozen South

Brussels. The lonely forbidding wastes of the Antarctic continent are going to be the mecca for explorers and scientists during the 1957-58 Geophysical Year.

Thirteen nations have informed the Antarctic working group in Brussels of plans to visit and explore Antarctica with icebreakers, planes and helicopters packed with the latest scientific instruments and manned by top-flight scientists.

Countries concerned are Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Argentina, Britain, Russia, the United States, Japan, Belgium, Spain, France, Norway and South Africa.

All but Belgium, Spain and South Africa are beyond the planning stage. The Antarctic working committee's biggest headache is where to place these expeditions so that a maximum amount of information can be gathered without one nation duplicating the work of another.

The Japanese base in the Prince Harold area will fill a gap in the scientific coverage of the continent, which was troubling the Antarctic committee.

1,000 Men
The nations and number of stations they plan to set up on the Antarctic continent are: Argentina, eight; Australia, two; Chile, four; the United States, five; France, two; Britain, six; Japan, one; Norway, one; New Zealand, one; and Russia, three. It is not yet known how many bases the French and Norwegian expeditions will establish.

Belgium and Spain are still doubtful because of lack of funds. South Africa will occupy two islands in the South Atlantic which are not Antarctic islands but which will co-operate with the Antarctic expeditions.

At the peak of the season, more than 1,000 scientists and technicians will be roaming the blizzard-swept ice from the 33 stations.

Each nation will send mobile columns into the interior, to report on glaciology, meteorology, temperature, cosmic rays, etc.

Station On Pole
The United States will have a station on the South Pole.

Exchange of scientists between different national stations is planned. Findings will be sent from nation to nation and from station to station and generally reserved for publication.

Each national expedition will have emergency supplies standing by to run in the aid of a straggler. The United States expedition, headed by Commander Byrd, will have a base at McMurdo.

Belgium, France, and Norway will have bases at other locations.

Doctors' Warning On Indiscriminate Use Of Penicillin

New York. Leading New York doctors are urging their colleagues to be cautious about using penicillin indiscriminately.

Some people are allergic to it. In a very few cases it has produced the rushing, sledge-hammer kind of allergic reaction called anaphylactic shock which can be quickly fatal.

Dr. Sheppard Sigal of New York's Mount Sinai Hospital, also an allergy specialist, has been one of the leading figures in the move to encourage doctors to use it carefully and discriminately. In a recent lecture at the annual meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York he said: "Antibiotics generally did not want to 'infect'—he wanted to 'suggest a proper discrimination.'"

Four Reactions

"Enormous quantities of these life-sustaining drugs have been employed all over the world. The ill effects due to allergic reactions affect but a minority of the vast numbers of patients who have benefited from them."

For allergic reactions, penicillin is the "problem antibiotic," he said.

In his wide experience, he had classified four types:

1. "Delayed type," occurring at least five days after the penicillin shot. These are skin eruptions—usually hives—fever and pain in the joints. This is the reaction of an allergic person to the first exposure to penicillin.

2. "Accelerated and immediate" type, not nearly as common as type one, occurs only in people who have had penicillin before. It may come within seconds of the shot or one or two days afterwards.

There may be itching, hives, laboured breathing or asthma, chest and abdominal pains—or it may bloom into "the complete picture of anaphylactic shock."

3. "Hypersensitive" reactions, mainly more severe forms of type one.

4. An eczema-like eruption of the skin, particularly the hands, feet, and groin.

All this shows why most doctors now ask if you've ever had penicillin before and if so, was there any reaction.

Dr. Sigal added that severe forms of penicillin allergic reactions are very rare in childhood.—United Press.

Suddenly A 100-Year-Old Egg Hatches

Los Angeles. An egg which, scientists believe, was laid at least 100 years ago in the Mojave Desert, hatched suddenly after a recent flash flood.

The discovery was made at Bicycle Lake at Camp Irwin east of Los Angeles. The lake bed was once used as a landing strip for jet planes. Then the flood came and left two feet of water.

Dr. James Welsh, Assistant Professor of Zoology at Los Angeles State College, described the discovery as "incredible."

The animal hatched was one to one-and-a-half inches long and resembled a small version of the king crab. It had many body segments surrounded by a light shell with many legs underneath. Dr. Welsh identified it as a type of fairy shrimp.

The animal, found in other parts of the world, is known for its ability to live in an unhabited state for years.

The small lake became "pocketed" with animal and vegetable life just two and a half weeks after the flood, Dr. Welsh said. The lake is now beginning to disappear.—United Press.

Would your watch have kept time on the sea-bed?

WEARING a Rolex Oyster Perpetual, a professor of Milan University went for a swim off Capri. But the strap-buckle was loose, and his watch broke from his wrist, and sank to the bottom.

Without much hope, the professor asked some divers, working nearby, to keep an eye open for his watch. Surprisingly, seven days later, they actually found it, and it was still keeping perfect time.

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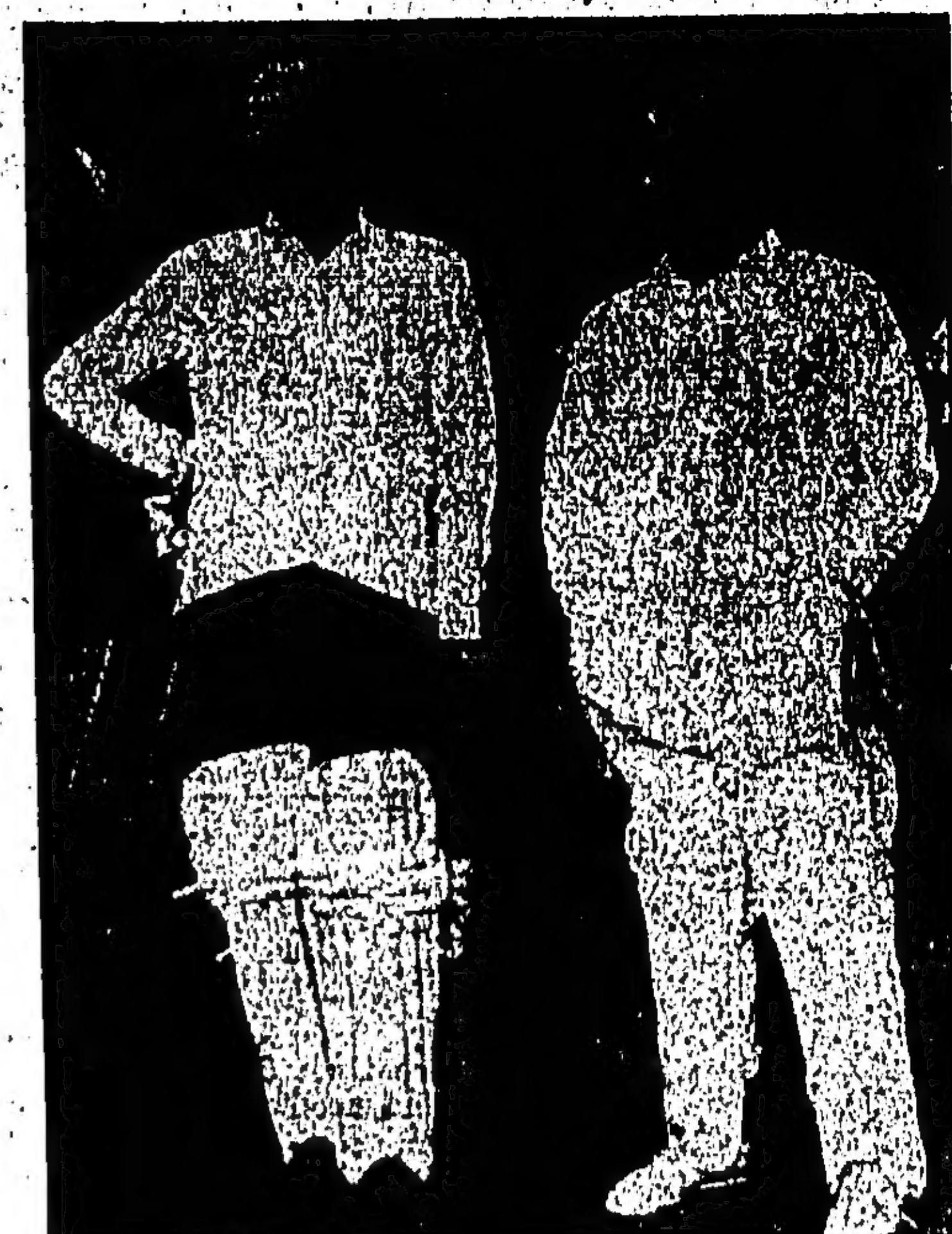
HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



DOWN a hole stands Sir Anthony Eden. The hole: the mouth of a trench designed to protect troops from an atom bomb explosion. The Prime Minister was photographed on a fact-finding tour of an undisclosed training area in England. (Express)



TWO North London schoolboys, Roger Furness and David Holmsforth, listen spellbound to the story of the Hurricane fighter told by F/Lt R. S. McCarty, of 253 Squadron, as he prepares for the traditional Battle of Britain Week display at the Horse Guards Parade. (Army News)



AT the charity cricket match between Actors and Politicians. Mr Harold Macmillan, the Foreign Secretary, is dressed unusually for the match, including grey trousers. Beside him Lord Kilmauir wears the traditional white. (Express)



DON COCKELL, Britain's tubby heavyweight boxing champion, has bought himself a handful of dog. Fully grown, Tip, the Italian greyhound, weighs only 3 1/4 pounds. Though it has been known for 2,000 years, the breed is now extremely rare. (Express)



GREY-HAIRED Louisa Stow, of Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, is the heroine of a romance which has lasted more than 50 years. Louisa, now 76, and George Cheat, 75, parted 52 years ago when he emigrated to Australia. Now he is sailing home to marry her. After that, he will take her back to Melbourne. (Express)



WELSH heiress Veronica Pope, 20-year-old daughter of a Porthcawl shipowner, and Mahmoud Shah, 21-year-old Pakistan Moslem, who have been married secretly by a Pakistani priest in London. He is an oil student. (Express)

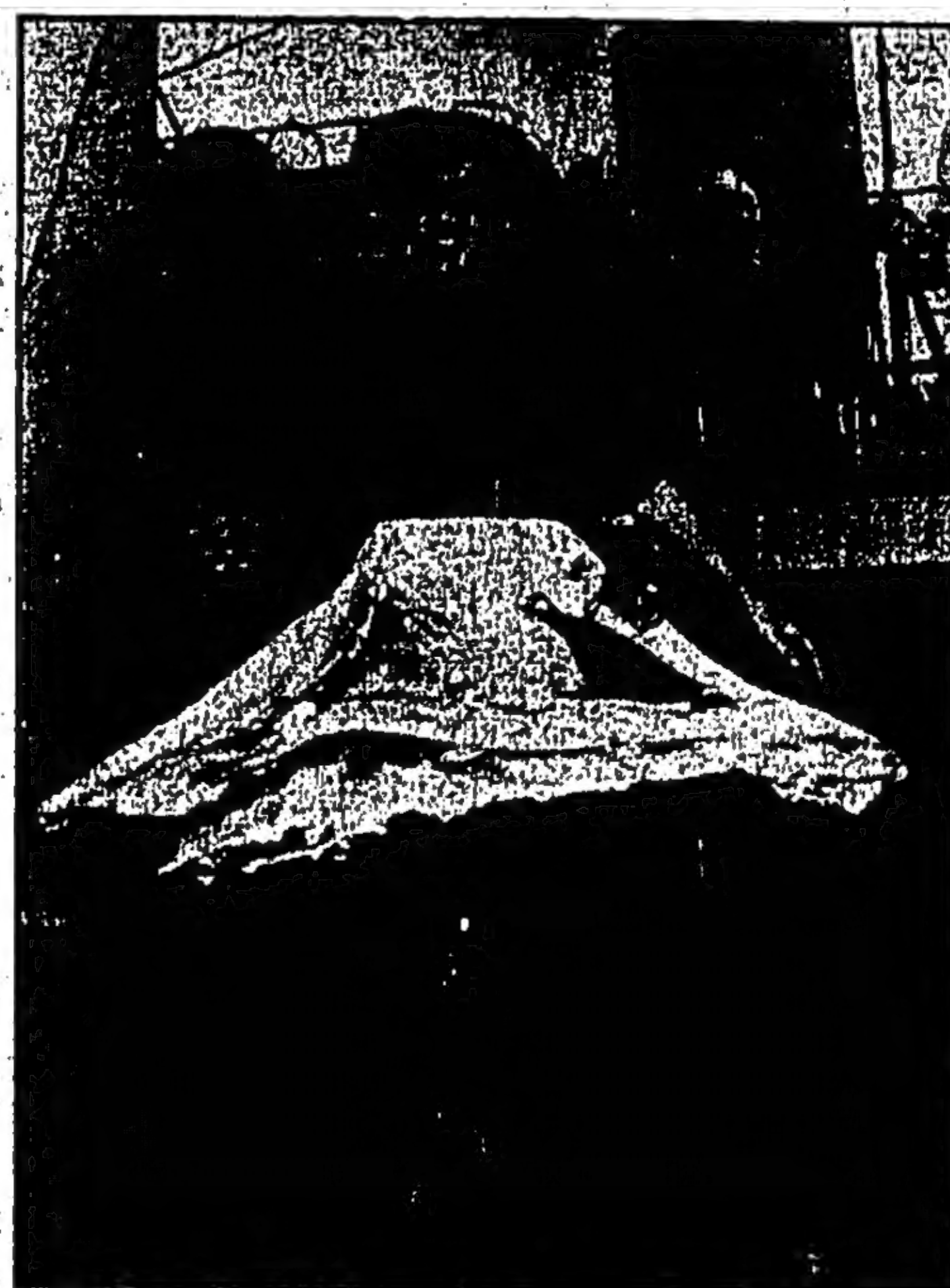


A stonemason at work on the entrance to the new Merchant Navy Memorial on Tower Hill, London, which is to be unveiled on November 5. The memorial is in the form of a sunken garden, and has been designed by Sir Edward Maufe, RA. The sculptor is Mr Charles Wheeler, RA. (Army News)

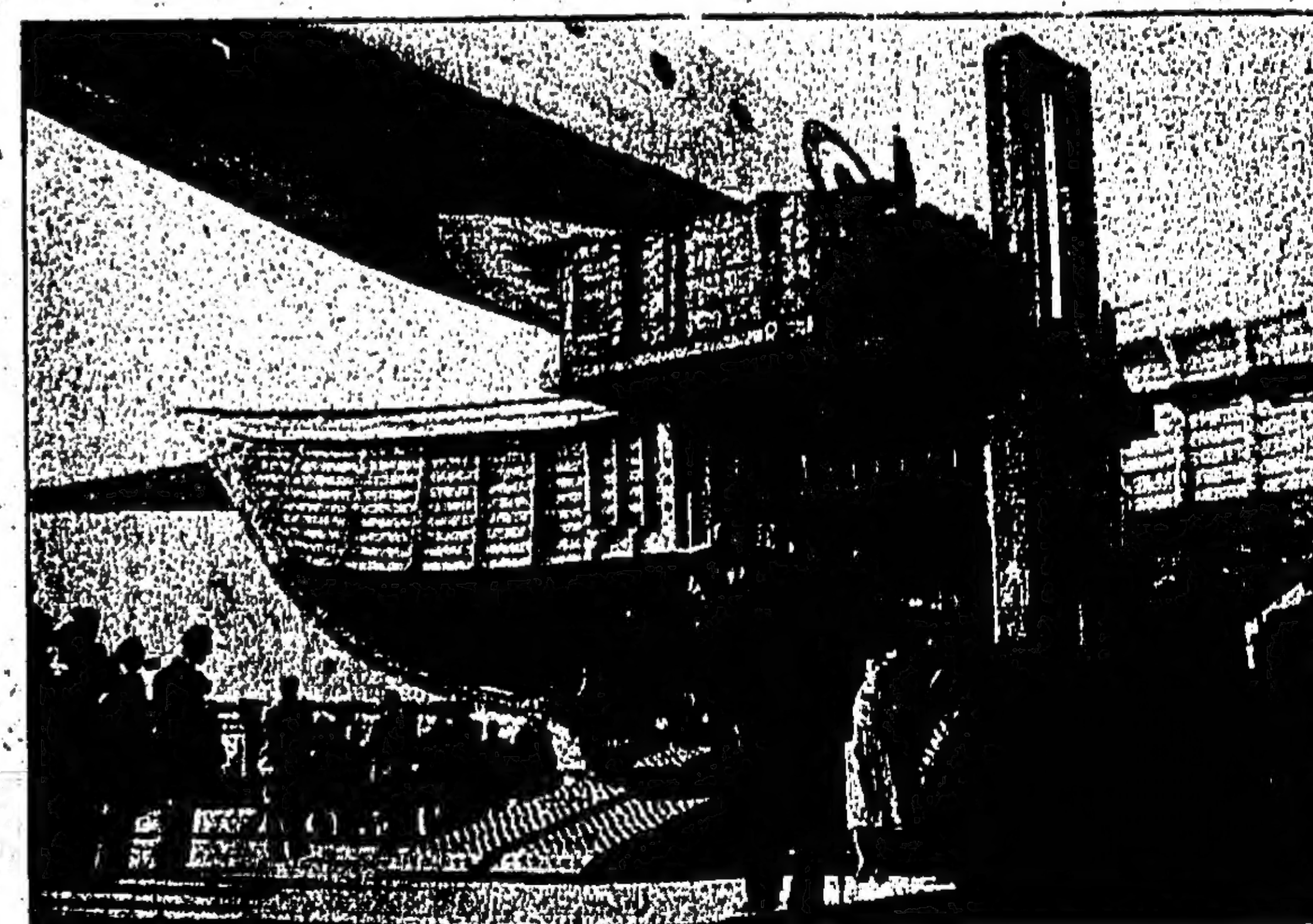


MINER John Jones with the giant dahlias he exhibited at the British Miners' Flower Show, held at Bradford. Many miners tend gardens and vegetable plots after their working day underground. (Express)

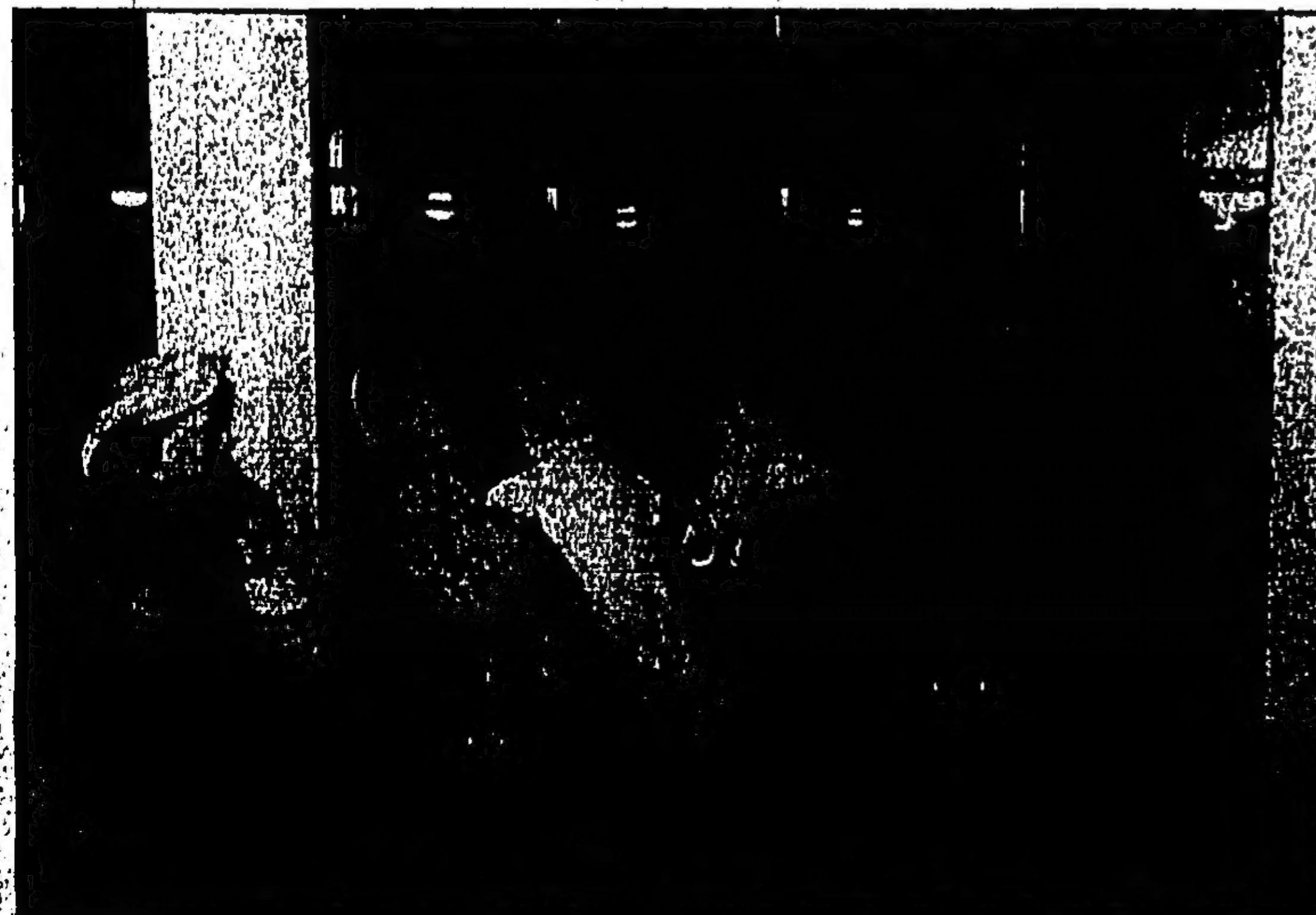
BELOW: The sound-proof balcony at the new Pentecostal Church in Rotherham, Yorkshire, where mothers may attend service with their babies without disturbing the rest of the congregation. (Express)



BARBARA LEE, 21-year-old ballerina from Singapore, who has just arrived in England to study ballet, drama and elocution. She was encouraged by Mr Malcolm Macdonald, until lately Commissioner-General for Southeast Asia, to take up dancing when he saw her perform six years ago. (Express)



THE giant Blackburn Beverley freighter being loaded with stores at Farnborough. It can carry 94 soldiers and their equipment or 45,000 pounds of cargo. The first RAF Transport Command squadron of Beverleys is to be formed later this year. (Army News)



NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



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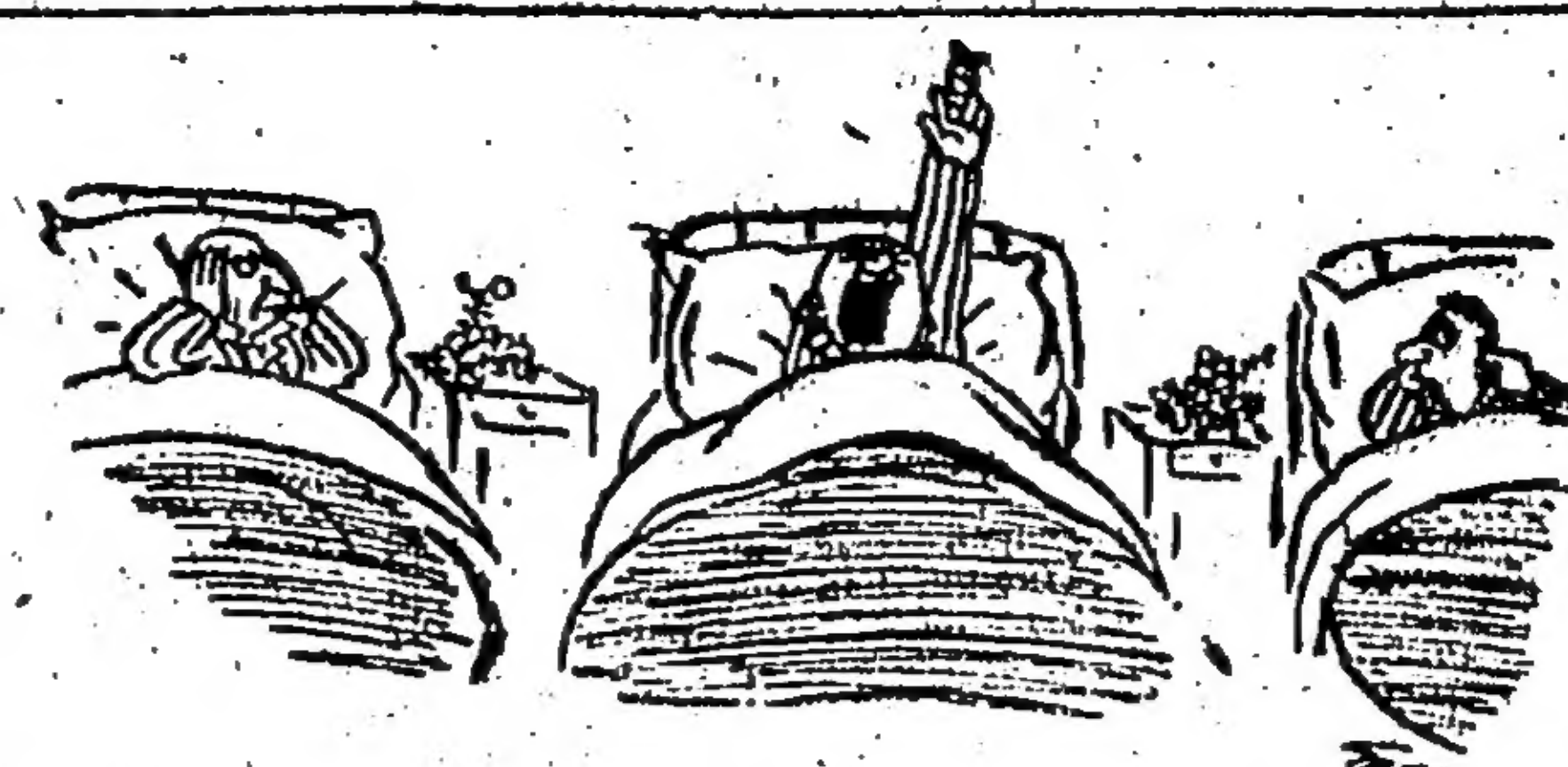


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"How's Mr. Giles enjoying his first walk round the ward?"



"Hop out, Tarzan—we want to make your bed."

MISS LAMARR DOES A GARBO BUT PERMITS ONE PICTURE

By Thomas Wiseman

VENICE. HEDY LAMARR was doing a Garbo. She had chosen the right time and place for it. The Venice Film Festival is one of the few occasions when a star can safely say: "I want to be left alone," knowing there is not the faintest danger of anyone heeding her request.

Not heeding her request, I rang through to Miss Lamarr's suite and was informed, "Yes" — it was Miss Lamarr speaking in person but unfortunately she was incognito. I said I was sorry to hear it and could I do anything to help?

Being incognito seemed a sad thing to be in Venice when everybody else is in Cadillacs or mink bikinis or gondolas.

But Miss Lamarr said what she wanted was privacy and anonymity. She still seemed to be under the impression that this is a festival of cinematographic art (as it says on the head-

ed notepaper), whereas, of course, that is just incidental, the excuse for a festival of anatomical art.

Miss Lamarr was once quite an example of anatomical art herself (in her early film *Extase* she wore even less than the Italian starlets here) but she was not competing this time either at the Palazzo del Cinema or on the beaches.

So shocking,

The Lido Venice during the Film Festival is not everybody's idea of a cosy retreat, so I suggested to Miss Lamarr that if she wanted privacy this was an unusual place to come to and find it.

Miss Lamarr straightened me out on that at once.

It seemed that those Italians had been most inconsiderate, putting on a

Film Festival just at the time when she chose to visit Venice.

She found it all quite appalling. It was shocking the brazen way in which movie stars exposed themselves to and for publicity. Really! Had they no sense of dignity? Anyone would think this was Coney Island.

I told Miss Lamarr that I appreciated she didn't want publicity and that this was not Coney Island but I considered her the most beautiful woman at the Festival and I particularly wanted to meet her.

Miss Lamarr giggled and said: "Come to my beach hut in 20 minutes—number 118—but you must promise to protect me from those awful photographers."

I assured her that Humphrey Bogart could not give

her better protection. So I found myself sitting in a deckchair next to Miss Lamarr outside hut number 118.

The fifth Mr Lamarr, oil millionaire Lee Howard from Houston, Texas, sat little way apart from us reading the financial page of the *Herald Tribune*.

No poses

A photographer came over and began focusing his camera. Miss Lamarr pulled a towel over her head.

"I do not pose for photographers," she said. "Garbo didn't. It is disgraceful the way they persecute me. I know it is a plot. They have been sent by the people who made my last film. Just to plague me."

I said: "They are being most flattering, showing so much interest in you."

"I can do without that flattery," said Miss Lamarr. She waited with her head under the towel until I gave the all clear signal that it was safe for her to surface.

Then she re-emerged. I said: "People tell me you are sometimes difficult to get on with."

She said: "Nonsense, what is difficult about me? I am most easy to get on with. Of course, if I am given stupid directors who do not know their jobs, I have to tell them what they are doing wrong."

A happy smile

The oil millionaire husband from Houston, Texas, was scrutinising the Stock Exchange prices, a happy smile of contentment on his tanned face.

The frustrated photographer had now found reinforcements. He and about 20 of his colleagues descended upon us, brandishing cameras.

Miss Lamarr said: "I leave." "What's that you say, baby?" asked Mr Lamarr, without taking his eyes off the financial news.

Miss Lamarr beat a tactical retreat behind her beach hut. She shouted to me: "You promised to keep them away."

A formidable battery of photographic equipment was aimed at Miss Lamarr, who stood peeping from behind a flap of canvas which she held across her face like a yashmak.

"Disgraceful," said Miss Lamarr.

"Disgraceful," I agreed.

"What's that you say, baby," said Mr Lamarr.

In due course the photographers accepted defeat and dispersed.

Miss Lamarr came out into the open again. Mr Lamarr from Houston, Texas, did not even look up.

"In my latest film I play Helen of Troy," said Miss Lamarr, "but those Italian producers! Now they say they have mislaid the soundtrack."

So charming

In the distance I could see another photographer approaching. He was wearing jeans, an old shirt and moccasin shoes. He carried a newsreel camera.

Trouble, I thought.

He approached, bowed, kissed Miss Lamarr's hand and surveyed her with open admiration.

"You permit me?" he asked, aiming the camera.

I held my breath. Miss Lamarr purred. She permitted.

Perhaps because the cameraman was so charming. Perhaps because it was Prince Vittorio Massimo.

I decided to risk a slump on the Stock Exchange by interrupting Mr Lamarr's financial reading.

Miss Lamarr said: "I leave."

"How do you feel about your wife's career?" I asked him. He replied in a soft southern accent.

"I just want her to do what gives her pleasure. Don't want her to do anything she doesn't. If she likes a subject, I guess I would set it up for her financially. Money is no bother. Anything to make her happy."

I enquired: "And does your wife take any interest in oil?"

"Yes," he said, "I guess she does. I guess she is interested in oil."

That could be.

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By LES ARMOUR

IF anybody still cherished any illusions about the practicability of a world war, reports from Farnborough Air Show should have shattered them.

Curiously, it didn't really look as though there was anything very startling at Farnborough.

But there was a man flying a jet bomber there—rolling it, looping it, rocketing upwards faster than the eye could travel, spiralling down like a sky-rocket gone mad.

It was a big jet bomber, a Delta wing, four-engined aircraft that looked like something out of a science fiction novel—the Vulcan. Of course, the Vulcan had been seen before. But no one had ever flown it like that.

No one really believed—outside the designing offices and the Air Ministry—that it could be flown like that. The announcer was taken unawares. The technicians stood up on their seats.

The Vulcan is in production. The Royal Air Force will have it in numbers before the year is out.

It will fly like that because that's the way the Air Ministry ordered it.

Britain has two more big bombers: the Valiant and

the Victor. The Valiant is already in service. The Victor will be soon.

They are all about the same size: all between 99 feet and 114 feet from wing tip to wing tip, all powered with four giant jets with between 9,000 and 10,000 pounds thrust each. All three will fly at 50,000 feet at speeds close to the speed of sound (just over 600 miles an hour at that height).

And they will all do manoeuvres which, until recently, would have been hair-raising for small fighters.

Different job

The bomber of today bears about as much resemblance to the bomber of World War II as a big sports car does to a five-ton lorry.

Today's bomber has a very different job. It is intended to carry a hydrogen bomb or an atom bomb. One plane with one bomb will do all the work that anyone needs it to. All that is required is that a single plane should get through to the target.

What are the odds?

An anti-aircraft shell travels at something like 1,800 miles an hour. A contemporary guided missile travels at 3,000.

Modern radar equipment is efficient enough to plot almost anything—and the modern guided missile literally tracks its targets like a dog after a bird.

How does the RAF expect to get its planes through?

The modern jet bomber flies high and fast. It is sufficiently manoeuvrable to fly a course erratic enough to make plotting difficult. It is just about good enough to give the guided missile a run for its money.

Since they would fly singly, it is less likely that they would be picked up.

Even suppose the bomber is picked up. If it takes the machinery 30 seconds to plot its course exactly, if it takes the man manning the machinery 30 seconds to take all the readings, the bomber will have travelled five miles. If it is travelling an erratic course and maintaining its speed, it may be lost forever.

The air force is relying on split second timing.

It is also relying on its aircraft to do the incredible: the more erratic the course of the plane as it nears its target, the harder it will be for the trackers to get a line on it.

In other words, however good contemporary defence may be, contemporary offence can just about match it—maybe a little more.

It is unlikely that there will ever again be the kind of air battle which characterised World War II. There will be no great formations of bombers flying through anti-aircraft batteries and tracked by squadrons of fighters.

One at a time

Instead, sleek, fast jet bombers one at a time will fight a desperate battle of wits against men on the ground armed with radio-controlled rockets, radar networks thousands of miles long and a handful of rocket-armed jet fighters.

It is unlikely that any defender will ever see his attacking enemy.

The conventional anti-aircraft gun is a thing of the past. In the time it would take to aim a modern jet bomber could do its job and disappear.

Even the automatic firing radar-controlled missiles will have to be good.

It is not a pretty business. But it is what the Royal Air Force is doing now to counter the threat of the modern bomber. And it is what the Royal Air Force is doing now to counter the threat of the modern bomber. And it is what the Royal Air Force is doing now to counter the threat of the modern bomber.

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A 'PERFECT' MURDER

But it couldn't beat RAWLINGS of the Yard

THERE are probably quite a few people walking about who have achieved a perfect murder.

As I see it, the perfect crime is one in which the victim's body has passed beyond recovery—by cremation—and two well-intentioned, unsuspecting doctors have written the words "Natural causes" across the death certificate.



PERCY HOSKINS

If you don't think this can happen I refer you to the trial of Nurse Waddingham for murder, back in 1938.

Over a decade was the undoing of Nurse Waddingham. She had successfully got away with the murder by morphine poisoning of one rich old lady and was filling up cremation papers for the disposal of victim No. 2. The certificates said "Death from natural causes." Everything looked easy.

So it would have been, if she had only put her ordinary Nottingham address at the top of the papers. But she added the words "The Nursing Home" to make it look more imposing.

By chance the cremation official was also the district medical officer, and he was also the authority of registration of nursing homes. This "home" he knew, was unregistered, so he passed the papers to the coroner.

An analysis was ordered. Nurse Waddingham was hanged. Today's chapter is the story of a man who did not aspire to such a degree of perfection—in

crime. He thought all the circumstances were on his side anyway.

The setting was perfect for a murder. The London blitz. Who would ever know that one among so many dead was not a bomb victim?

Would Scotland Yard? Well, maybe, but this murderer was not going to commit the one mistake that so many murderers make. The Yard might catch others, the stupid ones, but never him. HE would be the clever one.

He was justified, up to a point. He was, if not clever, at least supremely cunning. That is why the uncovering of his "perfect murder" was one of the Yard's most brilliant triumphs.

FINDING

IT was a mean crime. He strangled a woman, set fire to the body and then buried it in quicklime, under debris in the cellar of a blitzed Baptist chapel in Kennington.

He felt safe in the certainty that it would be a long, long time before the debris-clearing gangs got round to that pile of chapel rubble.

It was. It was in July 1942 that workmen prising up a heavy stone slab uncovered a scorched skeleton.

It could have been just another bomb victim. But the skeleton was given a thorough medical examination. Every bomb victim in the war got that.

Two things seemed odd. There was an unusual quantity of lime in the soil around the bones and a tiny bone in the voice-box was fractured.

KNOWING

IT was Dr Keith Simpson, Home Office pathologist, who found the fracture. He knew what it almost certainly indicated: Strangulation.

The problem was turned over to Deputy Commander William Rawlings—a man who actually looks like Sherlock Holmes. He has the height, the lean cheeks,

and sharp nose, and the suddenly lighting eyes.

Rawlings's favourite subject is psychology. "We deal with human beings—we must know human frailties," he says.

Here was a task, then, for a Holmes. Identifying the skeleton alone would have seemed an impossible job to any ordinary man.

What was known about the strangled woman? She had been between 40 and 50; roughly 5ft. tall. The lower jaw was missing, but she had worn a dental plate with, probably, seven false teeth. Four remaining teeth had fillings.

How many women fitted these age and height figures? At least 1,000 reported missing at that time.

SLOGGING

RAWLINGS slogged on. He knew that the backbone of successful detection is really a funnelling brand of thoroughness.

He sought out the relatives of each of those 1,000 missing women and asked: "Did she wear an upper dental plate with seven false teeth?"

Somewhere well down the list he interviewed the sister of Mrs Rachel Dobkin who vanished on Good Friday—April 11—1941.

She had been living apart from her husband. Rachel, said her sister, was about the age and height of the murdered woman. Her upper dental plate? Yes, she had one, but how could anyone say how many teeth there had been in it?

The search started for Rachel Dobkin's dentist.

The day after Rachel Dobkin disappeared her handbag had been found 30 miles away, in Guildford. Rawlings pondered on that.

In that bag had been her ration book and identity card. No one came forward to claim or renew these.

Great cases of the great detectives... No. 4

Deputy Commander William Rawlings, 58-year-old second-in-command of the C.I.D. Could have been a barrister—passed Bar exams—but preferred solving crimes. The Dobkin case was called by a judge "a masterpiece of crime detection."



Did this mean that Mrs. Dobkin had not needed them any more? That she was dead?

If the woman in that cellar really was Mrs. Dobkin, how did her handbag get to Guildford?

Did someone plant it there, to give the impression she had fled the London bombs?

WATCHING

OTHER inquiries were being made too. Rawlings discovered someone who remembered a fire in the ruins of the chapel. The date: April 15.

Who was the policeman on the beat? Sure enough, Rawlings found a constable who remembered the fire. There was, he said, someone else there that night. A man who volunteered the information: "I'm a fire-watcher over there" (a nearby block of offices), and added in a joking way: "I didn't do it."

Rawlings sent out his men to trace that fire-watcher.

They traced him. His name? Harry Dobkin.

The man was brought in and questioned. A detective inspector told him: "In fairness, I should tell you that human

remains were found in the cellar of the chapel near where you were fire-watching in April 1941 and we are satisfied that they are those of your wife."

Said Dobkin: "I don't know what you are talking about. I don't know of any cellar at the chapel and I have never been down one there. In fact, I don't believe it is my wife."

Then he made a mistake. He offered to write a statement. He wrote: "In respect to what you say that my wife has been found dead OR-MURDERED..."

The police had said nothing about murder.

Crime-laboratory specialists had been busy too. They had superimposed a full-face portrait of Mrs. Dobkin on an X-ray portrait of the skull. They matched exactly.

Her dentist had been found. He was shown the jaw and he said: "This is Mrs. Dobkin's upper jaw and those are my fillings."

Harry Dobkin was still not clever enough to see that he was doomed. He was confident right through his trial.

But the jury found him guilty, after being out for only 20 minutes.

CONFESSING

HE confessed during his last days, when his reprieve had been refused and he realised that his had been no perfect murder.

His wife, he said had been pressing him for more money. He had wanted to be rid of her. And he had planted her handbag at Guildford.

It was as sordid as that. He was hanged on January 27, 1943, at Wandsworth.

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ISRAEL'S WAY OF KEEPING ALERT

By DONALD WISE

Tel-Aviv. WAR planes are wheeling above my hotel. Navy units are moving on the moonlit Mediterranean. Empty taxis are roaring through the streets on their way to be army-tested for roadworthiness.

It is part of Israel's way of keeping alert.

The time is midnight in steamy Tel-Aviv and the heat, despite air conditioning, has driven me on to the roof for a cigarette. I can almost see the length and breadth of this tiny, brand new state that can be hit by its enemies from 360 degrees round the compass.

Imagine it. Drive 300 miles from Syria in the north to the head of the Red Sea at Eilat—that is Israel. At its fattest its girth is barely 70 miles. At worst it shrinks to eight. The coastline stretches about 120 miles, with a dangerous strip about 30 miles—the flashpoint Gaza Strip.

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This is one of the many flashpoints on the Arab-dominated land frontiers. Seawards the danger comes from commando gangs paddling their dynamite into Israel by canoe from ships that, in the past, have shelled Tel-Aviv.

If I listen hard enough I might hear a water wheel blown up inland. Or a settler's family wiped out in a burst of sub-machine-gun fire. Situation normal—for Israel.

Since the British started to withdraw from Palestine the Jews have had a score of running fights on their hands.

In November 1947, when the United Nations agreed on partition in the form of a Jewish and an Arab state, the "army

of the prophet" and other irregular dissenting Arab forces started to penetrate Jewish areas. They were thrown out.

In May 1948, when the state of Israel was proclaimed, the Jews found themselves opposed by seven Arab countries: Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan had armies on Israeli territory. Saudi Arabia and Yemen were supporting them vocally.

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In 1949 the "war of liberation" as the Jews call it, was halted. Armistice agreements were signed with Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon. The Jews lost their holy places round Jerusalem and the Hebron. They gained Galilee.

Trickiest of all was the Gaza Strip. Egypt occupied that and administered the 250,000 Palestinian refugees. The United Nations Relief Works Agency feeds them. The area is barren and unproductive, so the Jews do not want it. The Egyptians have no intention of trying to make it productive. It is a useful irritant and battleground. Here is Egypt's chance to divert the attention of her starving Fellahin from their domestic miseries and whip up the old anti-Jewish feeling throughout the Arab world.

Deposed Premier General Naguib says in his autobiography that it is crazy to fight a war with the Jews. Better needle them on the frontiers and elp commando raiders inside the country.

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Now fields of wheat disappear overnight, stolen by pirate harvesters from enemy territory. Farmers may be ambushed by infiltrators hiding under their fruit trees. At any time every one must be prepared to rush by car or commandeered bus for military service on the border.

A million and a quarter Jews have been living this way since 1949. All sorts of Jews they are.

There are true orthodox types in round hairy hats, full whiskers and frock coats. These

Jews are exempt from military service, eat carefully and refuse to recognise the state. The promised land must await the word of God, they say, and they spend their days in prayer and study.

Then there are the fighting farmers in the Kibbutzes. Everything is done on co-operative lines. There is centralised education and medical care for children, and communal feeding. No one has pocket money. Some Kibbutzes are liberal. Some left wing. All of them constitute a fighting unit inside a farming co-operative. Hand grenades are tossed into their wedding ceremonies. Children are slaughtered if they stray too far afield.

It is impossible to guard each yard of Israel's frontiers. The Kibbutzes, hard-ried, nerve-racked, do the nearest thing.

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Again, there are cosmopolitan Jews teeming down the baking streets of Tel-Aviv. Bronze men in shorts, carrying brief cases; girls with Lolobrigida haircuts and snazzy off-the-shoulder blouses.

These Jews too are hard-working, confident, ready to put on uniform at the ring of the telephone.

The Arab state has never been formed as visualised. By boycott, infiltration and incidents around the frontiers the Arab world hopes to wear Israel down, so the Jewish leaders claim. So tension shifts from one end of the pint-sized country to the other.

UNO truce teams in white-painted jeeps rush from artillery bombardment to machine-gun duels. Local commanders glow at each other across barbed wire, sometimes make short-lived local truces. Then it starts up all over again.

"If we were going to collapse we would have done it in 1949 in the 'liberation war'," the Israelis tell you.

They did not. They believed that they could lick all the Arabs in the Middle East. They still do.

In that respect they feel they can even afford to be light-hearted.

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A DYNASTY AT STAKE

THE ORDEAL OF QUEEN SORAYA

SAM WHITE'S PARIS NEWSLETTER

THIS week Queen Soraya of Persia ends her holiday in the South of France and comes to Paris to face a considerable ordeal.

There she will be met by a panel of physicians and gynaecologists who will decide where and when she will undergo a major operation.

The threat of this operation has been hanging over the 22-year-old queen for the past three years. It has been a reason, and often the sole reason, for her widespread voyagings over this period to France, Britain, U.S.A. and Switzerland.

It is the major reason for her present trip to Europe. The absence of a male heir is a grave threat to the future of the present Persian dynasty, already threatened by religious and political fanaticism.

The brother of the present Shah, who was next in line to the succession, was killed in an air crash last year. His wife and

their seven-year-old son have been banished from Persia. The Shah's five other brothers are on their mother's side descended from a previous dynasty and are barred by the constitution from succeeding to the throne.

Libel action

I AM looking forward to the libel action Farouk versus Eliza Maxwell, to be heard here soon.

Farouk claims he was libelled in an alleged telegram reproduced in Miss Maxwell's memoirs (French edition only), which Miss Maxwell claims to have sent on receiving a dinner invitation from him.

Farouk, incidentally, claims never to have received this telegram. Among the witnesses cited by Miss Maxwell are General Naguib, Colonel Nasser, ex-Queen Nariman, dress designers Dior and Desses, and the jewellery firm of Arpel.

Battling on Farouk's side will be Prince Rahnir of Monaco, the Marquis de Cuevas, the Brazilian Ambassador, the former boxing champion Georges Carpentier and the jewellery firm of Cartiers.

Toheran court

Also barred is the Shah's six-year-old daughter from his previous marriage to ex-King Farouk's sister Princess Fawzia.

Now that an operation on the Queen has been finally decided a considerable part of the Teheran court and close relatives of the Queen are gathering in Paris for the final medical consultation.

With the Queen at present is her 50-year-old mother, a German, married to the Persian Ambassador in Bonn. She has now been joined too by her 19-year-old brother who is studying architecture in Switzerland.

Also with the Queen are several courtiers from Teheran: the Persian Ambassador of Paris, the head of the Persian army medical service, Colonel Alady, and the court physician, Dr Agadin.

There is a certain irony in the presence of Dr Agadin. He has come to France not only to attend the Queen but to go into exile here. Dr Agadin belongs to a Muslim sect known as the "Baghali" which is at present being violently persecuted in Persia.

Before leaving Teheran the doctor told the Shah that he would take this opportunity of taking refuge in France.

Tanks Royale

THE city council of Amiens has been in touch with the British Military Attache regarding a special problem. The council wish to name a street in honour of the first British Army unit to liberate Amiens.

Back went the answer—the honour belonged to the Shropshire Light Infantry.

This however, created a problem. Fond as the French are of resounding street names, they could not quite risk the Rue du Shropshire Light Infantry.

A hundred years ago the figures were the total of 10,000,000. The National Council of Churches of Christ, reporting on membership of 250 religious bodies.

Protestant churches gained 1,280,817 new members in 1954 to reach a total of 57,000,000. Roman Catholics gained 927,071 to reach 32,000,000. Jewish bodies gained 500,000 to reach 5,500,000.

More than 37,000,000 children and adults go to Sunday schools, a six percent increase over last year.

HEAVY buying on the never-ending pin is wrecking happiness. A U.S. housewife says family relations officer Grayce Semple. She had to help 320 families at Norwalk, Connecticut—10 percent more than last year.

What she found: People go too deeply in debt on hire-purchase. They cut down on food, clothing and children's needs. And then—trouble between husband and wife.

HOW many citizens of this democratic republic of 160 million people are "in society"? A new Blue-book, the List of Society, says 17,000.

THE PRESIDENT towns on publication of official shorthand notes on his Geneva talks with Marshal Zhukov, Russian Defence Minister.

Finally, a compromise was suggested and the street has been named Rue des Tanks Royale.

The crisis

THE present crisis in the Principality of Monaco which has been brewing ever since one of the leading banks there crashed two months ago has once again revealed the family feud which divides the members of Prince Rainier's family.

This time Rainier has ordered that his 34-year-old sister, Antoinette should no longer appear at Royal functions. Princess Antoinette, a slight and exceedingly smart woman, has had a stormy life in recent years. Four years ago she married, in the Monaco Consul-General's office in Genoa, the Monaco tennis champion Alcega Loghos. She divorced him a year ago.

Since then she has been a close friend of a wealthy Monaco Carlo lawyer, Jean Charles Ray, who is a former member of the 18-Monaco National Council and who is a bitter opponent of Prince Rainier.

Stormy reign

POLITICAL NOTE—The former Resident-General of Morocco Gilbert Grandval, whose stormy reign there lasted only two months, plans to enter politics as a supporter of former Premier Mendes-France.

They are wartime friends. He wants to keep their friendship on this level "in harmony with the Geneva spirit."

SEVEN out of every 100 U.S. homes with TV aerials on the roof have no sets. The most is to make neighbours think they have one. And 12 out of 100 motor cars with radio aerials have no working radios.

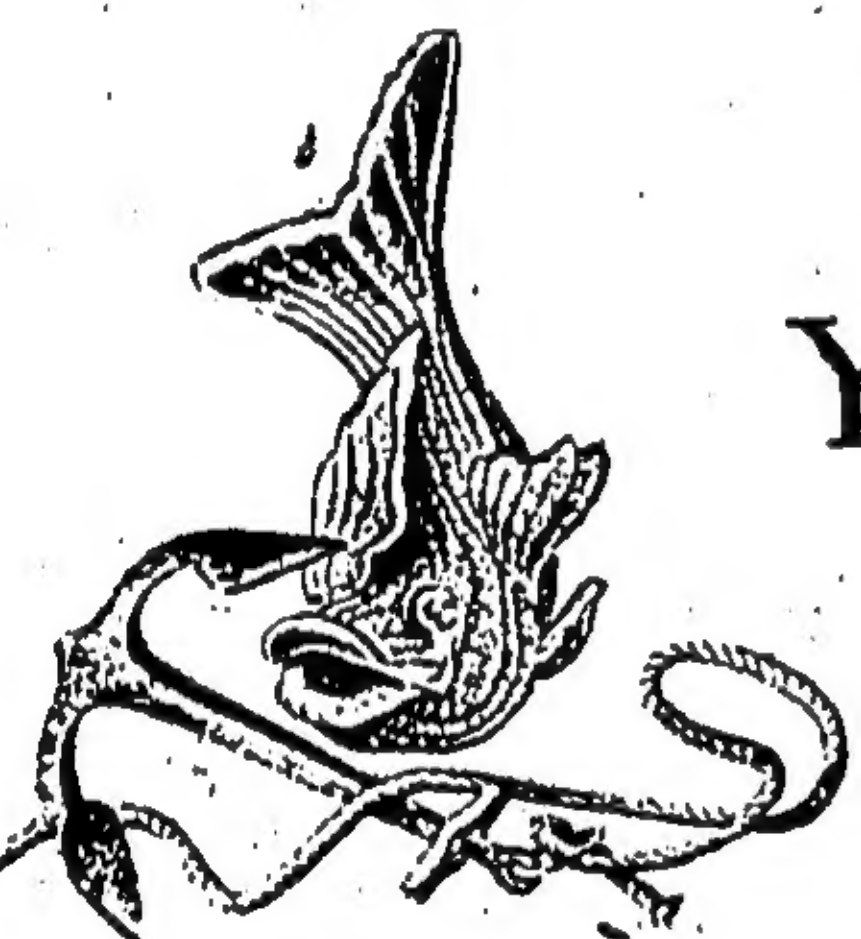
BUSINESS men are fighting the toll roads. Owners of petrol stations, motels, and restaurants along the free highways paralleling toll roads face ruin. The New York throughway has already cut 30 percent of the toll on parallel routes.

No. 20 The Route 20 Free-way Association is issuing 500,000 booklets to advertise the scenic advantages of their road.

REMEMBER Cohn and Schine, the youthful Red-hunting team sent to Europe by Senator McCarthy?

Wealthy David Schine, now 27 and finishing his national service as an army corporal, has lost his civilian job as head of the Roney Plaza Hotel, at Miami Beach, Florida. But he need not worry—the new owners pay \$500,000 a year for it to his father.

REJOINDER by New York radio station WNEW to Sir Jacob Epstein's criticism that Washington is a city of bad statues. "Perhaps he referred to the absence of any Epstein statues," most Americans are pleased by the Lincoln Memorial."



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EVEN MAGICIANS CAN'T CARLSBERG

CLOSE-UP ON BIG BEN

• The personality with the best-known face in the world will lose his voice next year. Big Ben is to be overhauled. Frank Daniels climbed to the top for this personal interview...

BEFORE Big Ben loses his voice next year I decided to have a personal interview with the best-known face in the world. Not that anything is wrong with Big Ben, whose accuracy could hardly be improved on today. The scaffolding, which reaches to the very top of the tower, for the first time in its history, is to repair war damage. On the night of the blitz when the Commons was destroyed Big Ben was shaken but remained ticking.

The belfry above was hit, and left standing on three legs, and the glass was blown out of the dials, yet the clock was only out by one and a half seconds. Now the tower will be closed for the next 18 months for repairs, and Big Ben itself will come to a stop for several months for a thorough overhaul.

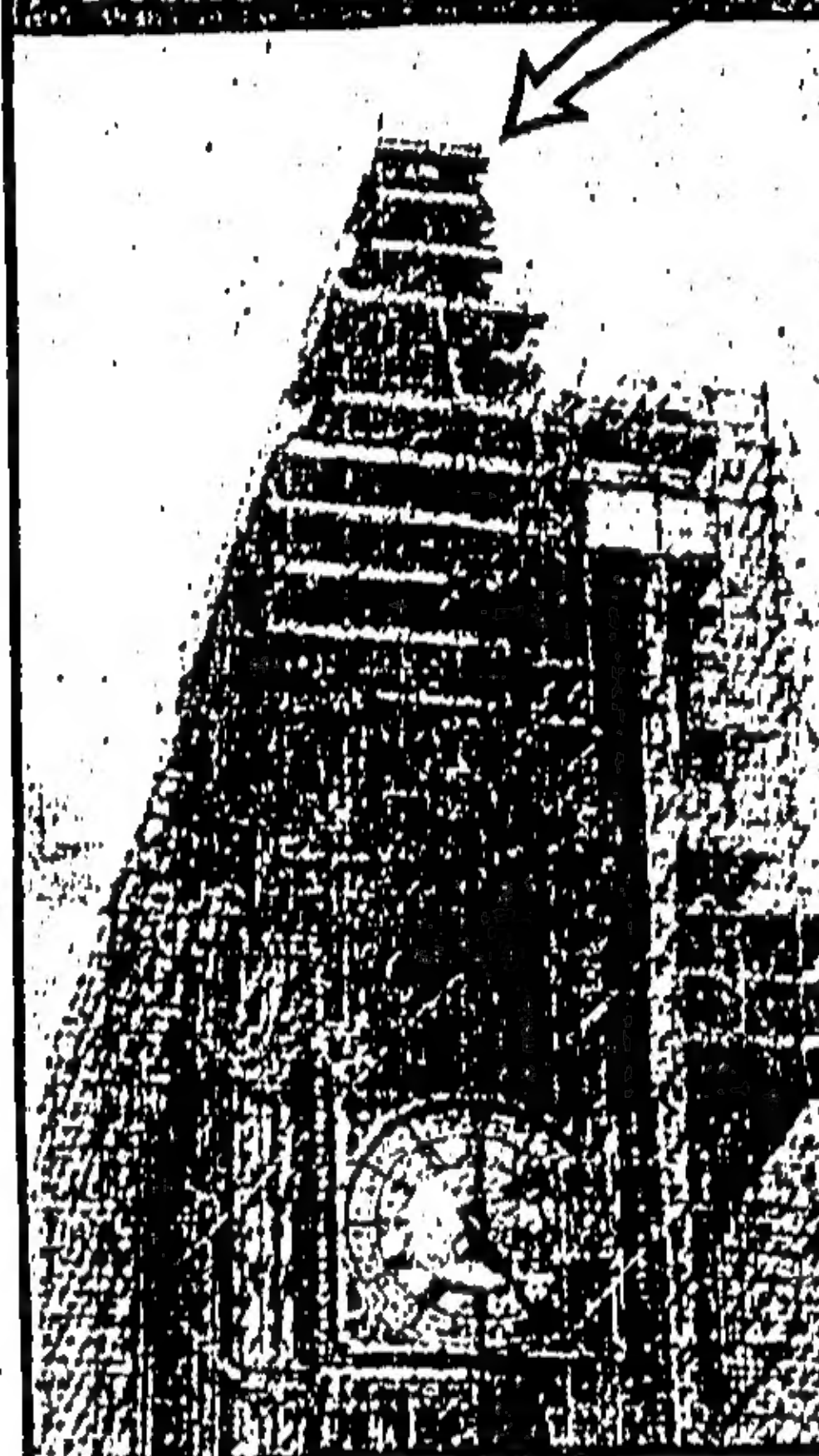
"Don't charge up the stairs," advised the man as he unlocked the door at the foot of the tower, and, by the time I had panted past the 336th step I saw what he meant.

By now I was in what looked like the engine-room of a small ship. I shouted above the noise to the man from Dents, the firm which first constructed the clock and which sends someone three times a week to wind it. Somehow I have never thought of Big Ben being wound up, just like any watch. Its authority is so unquestionable that I imagined it worked by automatic control. In fact, until the introduction of electrical winding it took two men five hours a time to wind the clock by hand.

Hysterical windmill

Then, in 1913, a motorised winding gear was installed by Dents and it now takes 40 minutes. The din ceased, and only a masterful tick-tock interrupted our conversation until suddenly a winged instrument spun round like a hysterical windmill, apparently followed by a burst of machine-gun fire, and the quarter struck deafening above us.

THIS IS THE POINT DANIELS REACHED



"At last I was trapped on the utmost peak, which swayed slightly in the wind..."

The scene now switched to the climax of a Carol Reed thriller, myself playing Orson Welles, scrambling up iron spiral staircases, past the giant bell, up endless rickety ladders, until at last I was trapped on the utmost peak which swayed slightly in the wind. My film cue, I suppose, was to throw myself off. Instead, I looked down nervously, clutching the scaffolding with the firmest possible grasp.

The ornamental top is an imposing decoration of gilt and iron and the view which few can have seen before me, is extraordinary. Most remarkable is the stretch of woodland that apparently stretches endlessly across London.

This is formed by St James's Park, Green Park, Buckingham Palace Gardens, Hyde Park and Holland Park. From above one has an impression of a sweep of green countryside. Scotland Yard looks dingy in the extreme, and due to a concealed sweep of the Thames, the Tower of London is quite in the wrong place.

A face stared

A face stared at me in surprise from a helicopter flying towards the landing stage at Waterloo. A reminder of the flying bomb which came so close that a workman claimed he could have thrown his cap on it as it charged by.

Big Ben is comparatively new — it first chimed in 1859—but there has been a clock at Westminster since 1288, known as Great Tom. There is the story of a sentry arrested at Windsor Castle at the end of the 17th century for sleeping on duty. He defended himself, saying he had heard Great Tom strike 13 at midnight. This proved to be true and the soldier was acquitted.

In 1707, when the tower was pulled down, Christopher Wren asked for the bell for St Paul's, where, after being recast, it was duly hung. Now, when Big Ben goes silent next year, the voice of Great Tom will deputise on the BBC.

Meanwhile, the chiming of Big Ben are broadcast direct. A microphone, contained in a foot-

ball bladder stuffed with cotton wool to prevent vibration, was first installed in 1924. Pigeons kept plucking the rubber to get the wool for their nests and today two microphones are placed in a felt-lined box.

The bell has not always sounded. In the 1914-18 war it was silenced when Zeppelin raids were imminent. On Armistice Day, 1918, the Big Ben silent minute was started and the broadcast chiming rang out to the world, often with the noise of sirens and gunfire in the background.

Only in the period of flying bombs did the BBC use recordings for reasons of security. It is not surprising that Big Ben became a symbol of London's indestructibility and that large crowds cheered along the banks of the Thames when the lights of the clock were put on again in 1945.

A terrific controversy accompanied the birth of Big Ben. After Great Tom was moved there was no clock at Westminster for more than 100 years, then in 1834, after the fire which destroyed the old Palace of Westminster, a new clock tower was erected. The Astronomer Royal set requirements, including accuracy within one second, that most clockmakers thought impossible for a clock exposed to wind and rain.

Largest ever

However, a brilliant, inventive mathematician called Denison designed one, without payment, and this was constructed by E. J. Dent and his stepson, of the same firm which looks after it today.

The bell was more difficult. The largest ever cast in England, 16 tons, was brought to London by water and then pulled across Westminster Bridge, not without anxiety, by 16 horses. It was then strung up in the Palace Yard where it promptly cracked after being tested.

It was recast and the Illustrated London News reported that the new tone was "far superior." It was again brought by 16 horses and greeted by a curious crowd. Both the bell and the clapper were lighter and survived lengthy testing so it was duly hoisted to the top.

The legend

Everything was now set, but to the amusement of the crowds the clock refused to go. Denison claimed that the hands designed by the architect were too heavy, and he was right. The new ones moved, and the giant bell boomed on May 31, 1859. It had taken fifteen years, and the cost was £22,000. Trouble was not yet over. A surface crack appeared, and after arguments lasting three years, while the clock was silent it was decided to turn the bell slightly and install a still lighter clapper. When the bell rang out again it was gruffer than before, and has remained like that to this day, for nothing more has had to be done to either the big bell or the four-quarters.

The legend has it that at the debate in the Commons, regarding the name to be given to the bell, the First Commissioner of Works, an extremely large man called Sir Benjamin Hall, gave a particularly long oration. "Let's call it Big Ben, and have done with it," someone shouted. And so it was.

reached the upper-crust level and a new fashion started.

Atomic cocktail parties are now all the rage and nuclear physics provide quite the smartest conversation topic at dinners in Mayfair.

This does not mean to say that society women are any cleverer than housewives.

Mrs Howorth's favourite story is of the titled woman who gushed after a lecture: "It was wonderful! Do come to lunch tomorrow and tell me what it was all about."

Despite the horn-rimmed reading-glasses Mrs Howorth is no blue-stocking. Before the war she acted in films—"always the vampish parts"—but she became more interested in the technical side of the cinema. Dying the war she was employed at the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough on high-speed filming.

Now a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, Fellow of the Physical Society and also of the Royal Empire Society (she is a Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music, too, for good measure), she has a full-time job doing research work for the Government. The "atomic salon" is a completely independent venture.



MRS. HOWORTH—"I am a great feminist."

What with working at her job, running her flat and looking after her husband, who has been ill for two years, Mrs Howorth finds she has little time left to play the piano or visit her doctor son.

She is also busy with her publications. Apart from writing pamphlets dealing with atomic terminology, a book about Professor Soddy, Nobel prize-winning scientist, she has brought out a story for children called Atom in Wonderland. It is easy enough to understand technicalities when they are explained in this way:

"In his castle under the ground Atom was very happy because he had lots of friends. The Daddies were called Mr Proton, and the Mummies were called Mrs Neutron, and all the children were called Electrons."

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THIS FARCE THEY CALL AMNESTY

From: RUSSELL SPURR

THERE was no war in Kelapa Sawit. The National Servicemen were watching their first film show. The Red Cross nurse from Australia was relaxing by radio. The police officer wore slippers.

He sat listening not for alarm calls but for the crying of his 14 days, old daughter.

The worst village in Malaya was strangely quiet. Sentries still patrolled the protective boundary wire.

Blue green guard lamps lit them plodding through long wet grass. But the terror was off. Temporarily at least.

The wait-and-see campaign was on.

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ATOM AND EVE IN LONDON

"PEOPLE used to think I was crazy when I started all this," said Mrs Muriel Howorth. "All this" was the Institute of Atomic Information for the Layman, which she founded in 1948 and has been running ever since with true missionary zeal.

For this spritely middle-aged civil servant has a mission: to proclaim the peaceful uses of atomic energy and to teach the basic facts of atomic science to ordinary people—to the layman, in fact.

Or rather, to the laywoman. Most of Mrs Howorth's 250 members (at 35s. a year) are women, though "the men love to come too, especially the diplomats."

They come to the banquets four times a year. The next one is scheduled for October. Place? The House of Commons. Ambassadors of countries who have bought nuclear reactors at the recent Geneva conference will be there to speak. The menu? Mrs Howorth is hoping to serve potatoes sterilised by radiation in 1952 and now as fresh as ever.

The diplomats flock too to the monthly Atomic Film

★ Mrs. Howorth has a mission... to teach simple atomics to women and children.

luncheons in Park Lane. A ten-minute educational film is followed by a brains trust.

But for the women who feel too shy to ask questions in front of learned scientists, there is the Ladies' Atomic Energy Club which meets at Londonderry House. The ladies—and this is the correct term, for the register is studded with peeresses—are taught simple atomics. "No prior knowledge of physics or chemistry needed," Mrs Howorth assured me.

At the end of a course there is a one-hour test. The Elementary Atomic Examination for the Layman. Two of the successful candidates are Lady Helen Nutting and Lady Codrington. They are now ready to instruct the less advanced.

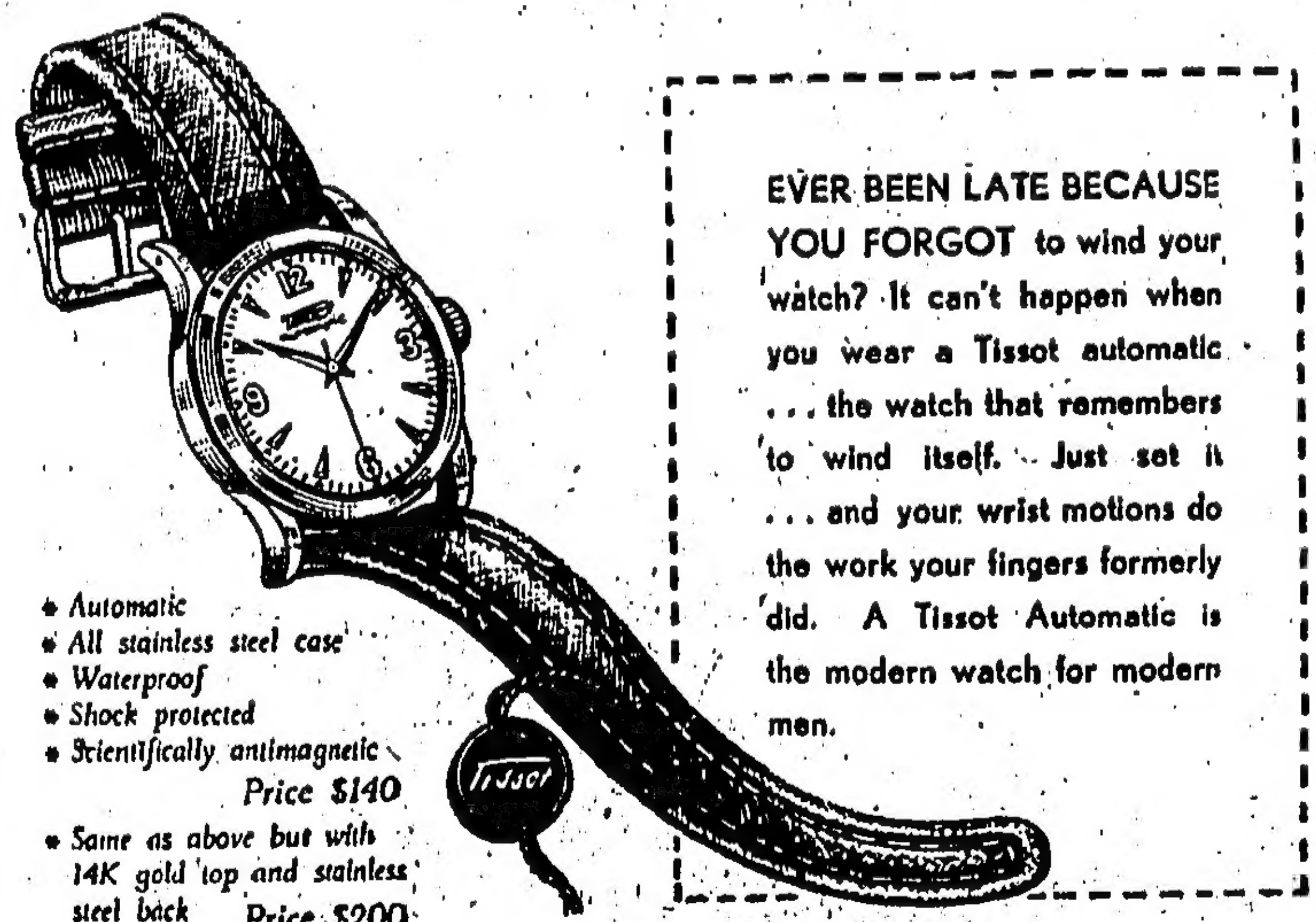
To help her pupils, Mrs Howorth has charts and models. One of the charts she showed me illustrated the structure of uranium and was made of green sequins stuck on cardboard. A model showing the com-

position of "heavy water" must be taught not to be frightened by scientific terms," she said. "And I am a great feminist. If women ask me how to construct the perfect kitchen I tell them to put a bookcase in it."

Although Mrs Howorth's first classes were for housewives, she complains that "they did not spread their own knowledge beyond their own four walls." But news of her lectures to women's institutes and business women's associations soon independent venture.

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By FRANCIS MARTIN

PETER BROOK makes ROMAN MUSIC

... with champagne glasses and a plastic trumpet

THEATRICAL people are raving, bewitching, humming and hawing or blinking incredulously about a plumping ex-prodigy in a powder-blue suit, with electric blue eyes, beetle brows and an enthusiastic titter: Peter Brook.

A hat, trick caused the brouhaha. At Stratford-on-Avon Brook (a) produced Shakespeare's most slaughterous and problematical tragedy, *Titus Andronicus*; (b) designed the scenery and costumes; (c) wrote the incidental music. Most critics, even born sour-pusses, gave him the accolade on all three counts.

A year's sweat and slog have had their reward. On *Titus*, Brook worked four preliminary and eight intensive months. For this he was paid rather less than a keen-confidant worker. "My fees," he reckons, "worked out at about £10 a week."

Limitations

Why didn't he make things easier for himself by farming out the music to some acknowledged composer? "Because," says Brook, who sees other people's limitations as clearly as his own talents, "I couldn't think how to get from any composer I know music primitive enough for my purpose. In the theatre people listen to music with only a quarter of an ear. Composers insist on writing for an ear and a half. Or even three."

"So I decided to write the music myself. As a composer of two-note and three-note tunes I am far closer to the mentality of the primitive Roman, than any composer I have ever met."

For weeks at a stretch, then, Brook closeted himself with grand piano, tape recorder and a young collaborator. William Blezard on the top floor of

the natty handbox where he and his wife Natasha live in Gordon Place, off Kensington Church Street. It was not merely a matter of inventing barbaric tunelets. The music had to be utterly different from conventional theatre stuff in texture and "feel" as well.

Brook and Blezard clashed experimentally with pots and warming pans, played with pencils on Venetian glass phials, turned wire baskets into harps. The effects they mocked up were finally played and recorded professionally. Here are some of them:

Two chords

For the stag hunt scene Brook experimented on a plastic trumpet which Natasha bought him for fun in Harrods' toy department. After an hour or so he hit on a motif which Blezard scored for real trumpet and trombone. This was performed slowly, fed through an echo box and played back at lightning speed. Brook claims that the results hit off to perfection Queen Tamara's lines:

The babbling echo mocks the horns,
Replying shrilly to the well-tuned horns,
As if a double hunt were heard at once.

For the scene where the unspeakable Aaron cuts off *Titus's* hand, he put a microphone inside his Strohengerger. Invented two chords, played them softly in endless alternation, over-recorded them savagely and had them played back at sepulchral pitch.

"Doesn't sound like a piano in the least," he gloats. "You'd say it was an outdoor organ doubled by a gigantic double-bass fiddle. Frightens you to death."

For the scene where the searing-mad *Titus* discovers and sears at a blood-red desk in his blood-red study, Brook

sorted out all the wine-glasses at Gordon Place until he found a set that would ring out a monotonous little tune and a chord to match when played on with pencils. Five Georgian champagne glasses were among them. All survived; he is astonished to say. Result: an eerie knell symbolising the slow drag of Time.

Unpalatable

For the play's funeral moments, he stamped rhythmically on the sustaining pedal of his Strohengerger to make all the piano strings shudder and moan in unison. Monstrously amplified and deepened, the Brook Stomp, as I suppose we must call it, accompanies a death-march tune ("three notes only—very like Three Blind Mice") on recorders which have been so contorted and slow-recorded that they sound 20 feet long and as breathy as blast furnaces.

As you will see, Brook gives off theatrical ideas as an emery wheel sparks. The ideas are not always good. Sometimes they are unpalatable. His 25 or more West End and festival productions since he was 19 (11 years ago) include certain flops or debatable things. For most of

It's the same the whole world over, says RICHARD HUGHES, and braves the wrath of thousands when he makes the claim...

EAST, WEST—HIKERS RUIN THE BEAUTY SPOTS

IT is perhaps difficult for you to imagine young hikers beginning an excursion into the

country with loud shouts of: "Let me be clean in body and mind!" But the equivalent Japanese invocation, "Rokkonshojo," is earnestly and sincerely chanted by the pilgrims who open the annual climbing season of Mount Fuji in this land of the Rising Sun.

This is "honourable Japanese custom." And no doubt very edifying, too.

No one would dare to question the tradition of the supremely purifying symbolism of an ascent of the sacred slopes of Mount Fuji. Indeed, even a certain type of impressionable gullible (foreigner) becomes delirious in describing his spiritual rebirth during the climb.

Myself, I'll test this out when they put up a cable railway to the peak.

However, many Japanese are bitterly contrasting the true pilgrims' appeal for spiritual and bodily cleanliness with the "garbage behaviour" of many of the younger climbers.

As soon as they reach the top they unburden themselves of a tonnage of waste paper, empty beer and sake bottles, tins, food and rice boxes, fish-heads and other picturesque impediments—so numerous and varied it is hardly conceivable it could have been transported by haversack to the peak.

It seems this rotting accumulation of debris should in time noticeably increase the natural 12,000-foot height of the noble

mountain. It seems, too, that the Japanese version of a hiker or climber is no better and no worse than his white counterpart.

Several Japanese newspapers have launched a crusade for cleanliness in eating and cleanliness in the disposal of litter by Fuji climbers, as well as cleanliness in mind and heart.

They also protest against the practice of gouging names, and addresses on holy slopes, historic monuments, temple slabs and shrine steps at the top of the mountain. The innocent foreign climber is inclined to mistake these hieroglyphics for reverent Buddhist quotations or mystical poems until he learns otherwise.

There is clearly a camaraderie of untidiness among hikers and holiday makers the world over. East does meet West over an informal rubbish heap at any beautiful scenic resort.

One Tokyo newspaper suggested that to curb vandalism, a sort of giant visitors' book should be placed on the top of Mount Fuji, in which climbers would write their names and addresses and date of climb, with appropriate remarks, ceremoniously and decorously.

"Someone would steal the book or set fire to it before it had been on exhibition for a week," commented a sceptical letter to the editor next day.

Anyhow, the cry around Mount Fuji these days is: "Rokkonshojo!"

AN eerie knell symbolising the slow drag of Time...

These Brook still has a kindly word.

Why was his *Romeo and Juliet* (Stratford, 1947) hated so? Because, explains Brook, his production of it was anti-romantic, anti-sentimental.

Martin: "But *Romeo* is a romantic play, isn't it?" Brook: "Yes. But not in the Victorian way—trees, moonlight, gauze, rumber roses and all that. What I tried to put over was Elizabethan romanticism, a fierce, violent thing. Remember, *Romeo* is a romantic play, isn't it?"

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Then Salome. Brook produced Richard Strauss's opera at Covent Garden against a provocative decor by Salvador Dali. On the first night he was booed and whistled at by the gallery. This episode he wears as a medal.

"The first-night gallery at Covent Garden represents the Old Guard, for which I haven't much use. Salome could have won over three-quarters of its enemies if given a fair chance. But Dali's designs were never seen in their finished state. Singers who didn't like their

costumes were allowed to pull bits off here and there according to taste.

Angelic

Brook held down his job as Covent Garden's production-director for three years, then swept out, saying unflattering things about the entire race of operatic singers. His next operatic commission was in 1953. The New York Met. paid him 1,500 dollars for putting on a new 90,000-dollar production of *Faust*. "I went to the Met," he laughs, "in an aggressive, bloody-minded mood. I was going to do Gounod's *Faust* as it screamed to be done, namely in 19th century dress. And if they didn't like it I wasn't going to give a damn."

Disconcertingly, they did like it. Brook found myself with a cast of angels on my hands. Audiences were angelic, too, it seems. They swallowed costumes 400 years "wrong" without a wail.

Don't assume that Brook was altogether pleased. He smiles bravely about the Met. Fact remains, he didn't shock a soul.

BILL MCGOWRAN offers some possible answers to a 67-year-old question:

Who Was Jack The Ripper?

ONE OF THE WORLD'S STRANGEST STORIES

FOR nearly 70 years the world has sought the answer to the grimmest and ghastliest of all riddles. Detectives of all nations, scientists, criminologists, novelists and ordinary amateur students of crime like you and me have studied the clues and racked their brains to find the answer.

Who was Jack the Ripper?

Nobody knows. Nobody will ever know. But many people have claimed that they knew the identity of London's most mysterious and most ferocious mass murderer. Many others have built up ingenious theories to suggest whom he might have been. But for purposes of practical record the identity of Jack the Ripper is a mystery as impenetrable as the song the Syrens sang or the name Achilles assumed when he hid himself among the women.

But Sir Thomas Browne reminded us that even those classic puzzles are not beyond conjecture. Nor is the riddle of the Ripper.

Even after 67 years it is hardly necessary to recapitulate the grisly story of the Ripper murders, those shuddering three months in 1888 when all London walked in terror after nightfall. Indeed, so revolting were the details of his slaying that few people could bring themselves to write, or read, of them in this more enlightened day.

Six Women

Briefly, this is the story:

An unknown murderer butchered six women in the streets of the East End between August 7 and November 9, 1888. There were no murders during the month of October and the slayings came to an end as suddenly as they had begun. Two of the women, Elizabeth Stride and Catherine Eddowes, were killed on the same night, September 30, within half an hour of each other and within minutes' walk. The first of the two was killed in Berners Street, Whitechapel, and the second in Mitre Square, on the boundary of Whitechapel and the City of London.

All the murdered women were prostitutes, all the crimes were committed in the East End; three in Spitalfields, two in Whitechapel and one in the City area. All the murders took place in the dead of night. All of them were characterised by the same maniacal ferocity—the bodies were hacked and gashed with a very sharp knife. In each case death apparently came with merciful swiftness, for the victim's throat was cut with one quick and powerful slash. One of the women was actually beheaded.

But the most dreadful feature was the revolting treatment of the bodies after death, treatment which bore the unmistakable evidence of a hand and brain skilled in surgical knowledge.

Police Cordons

Despite the fact that the strongest police cordons London had ever known up to that time were thrown round the districts in which he prowled, the Ripper was seen only three times—if he was seen at all.

Witnesses, including one policeman, recalled after crimes had been committed having seen in the vicinity a tall, pale man with a black moustache. He wore a cap and a long coat, and walked with the vigorous stride of a youngish man. That is all.

Such, then, in very brief outline, is the story of the murders.

During the reign of terror which possessed London while the Ripper stalked the East End streets, and in the years since, many stories have been told and many theories advanced to "prove" the Ripper's identity. In the main, they fall into these eight categories:

1. The Foreigner. At the time it was commonly believed that Jack the Ripper must be a foreigner. The teeming warrens and slums of Spitalfields, Aldgate and Whitechapel, were the melting pot to which thousands of foreigners were flocking at that period from Germany, Poland, Russia and the Baltic countries.

A foreigner "on the run" could be sure of shelter there from his compatriots. Only a man who lived in the locality could be familiar with the bewildering maze of alleys and courts which made it possible to pass from Aldgate to Stepney right through Spitalfields, and Whitechapel by daylight without touching a single main street.

A Postcard

But this theory was refuted by the Ripper himself—or so we believe—in a postcard addressed to a newspaper which caught the public imagination and gave the unknown murderer the name by which he was known forever after:

"I'm not an alien maniac. Nor yet a foreign tripper. I'm just your jolly, lively friend. Yours truly—Jack the Ripper."

2. The Policeman. In spite of the concentration of police in the district on the night of September 30 the Ripper got through the cordon and struck twice. "Only a policeman or a man in police uniform could have got through," said the exponents of this theory. Some went further and suggested that the Ripper was due to the discovery that they were committed by a high-ranking police official of such importance that the matter had to be hushed up.

3. The Woman. Theorists who insisted that the Ripper must be a woman adopted a similar argument to that of the Policeman school—"Only a woman could have got through the police cordon without arousing suspicion."

4. The Mad Surgeon. Was Jack the Ripper a famous Harley Street surgeon, a dual personality on Jekyll-and-Hyde lines? One published version of this story alleged that the "mad surgeon" was tracked down by a clairvoyant named Robert James Lees and committed to an asylum. To account for his disappearance his "hidden death" was announced and funeral rites actually conducted.

Sixth Victim

5. A Father's Vengeance. Another published "solution" is the story of another famous surgeon, demented by the death of his son, whose downfall was due to a woman of the streets. He sought news of her from other women, always killing his informants to cover his trail. The sixth victim, Marie Kelly, was the woman he sought, and after killing her he fled the country, finally revealing his identity on his deathbed in Buenos Aires.

6. The American Sailor. One of the people who saw the Ripper was the "policeman" who discovered the third victim, Ann Chapman, in Bucks Row, a courtyard off Hanbury Street, Spitalfields. This policeman also spoke of a witness, a seafaring man with an American accent, who spoke to him the night after the murder on his beat and said that he too had seen the murdered woman in the company of a man just before the crime. He gave his name and address, but these proved to be false, and all attempts to trace him failed.



"This sinister monster could have been capable of any crime," George Chapman, hanged in 1904.

Four women witnesses said that they had also spoken to this searing man with an American drawl.

7. George Chapman. A Pole named Severino Klosowski, who took the name of George Chapman, owned a public house in Southwark and was hanged in 1904 for poisoning three women. The Borough Polsoner certainly had the pale face and dark moustache attributed to the Ripper. Having seen his photograph, I am convinced that this sinister-faced monster could have been capable of any crime. The last Ripper murder took place on November 1, 1888, a week before Chapman left London. While he was living in New Jersey an exactly similar chain of atrocities took place in that State. The American murderer also finished abruptly when Chapman left the U.S. and returned to Britain. Chapman was amiable, so was the Ripper. Chapman had served in the Russian Army as a surgeon's assistant. During the period of the Ripper murders Chapman worked in Whitechapel as a barber—an expert with a cut-throat razor.

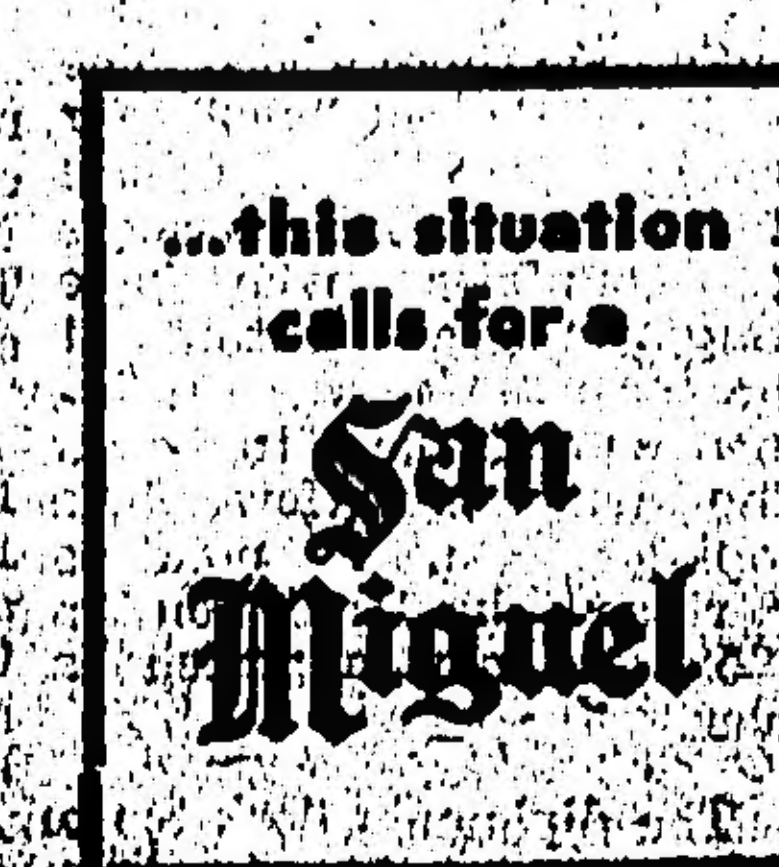
Like a Skull

8. The Man with the White Eyes. To add to the general panic, East End hoodlums developed the playful habit of springing out of alleys and courtyards to frighten women walking along the streets. One of these grim "jokers" was arrested. He was obviously insane. His face was blackened with burnt cork, upon which he had painted a white pattern of rings round his eyes and mouth to make his face look like a skull.

At this time, the height of the scare after the sixth and last murder, any arrest connected with the Ripper, however remotely, had to be communicated to police headquarters at Old Scotland Yard, then housed in Royal Palace Yard. The man was taken there for interrogation by two highly-placed officials. As soon as he was alone with them, he grabbed an ebony ruler, laid them both out with this weapon, and dashed out of the building. Three weeks later his body, with the face still painted, was found in the Thames near Hungerford Bridge. His identity was never established and none of the witnesses who thought they had seen the Ripper could swear to identification of the decomposed body. But one policeman "thought" it was the same man to whom he had spoken in the East End after the second murder.

By Frank Robbins

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by
ANNE SHARPLEY

Slim New Look For Lingerie

By ELEANOR ROSS

IT'S not how much lace and ruffles a slip or petticoat wears that makes it smart this season; it's how the pretty thing is constructed. For with the slimmer, more relaxed silhouette, lingerie must conform suavely to what goes over it.

That's why the gently-flared, long-bodied slip or half-slip is more important in the new season's picture than last year's bouncing bouffant. New construction extends to generous shadow panels, since so many dress fabrics are, and will continue to be, sheers. Few women want really heavy fabrics in lingerie, so the filmy nylon tricot and batistes need the shadow paneling from seam to seam.

Ribbons and Ruffles

There's also a tendency to provide beauty and femininity by means of interesting yardage, rather than by trimmings that might create bulk. That doesn't mean, of course, that ribbons and ruffles have been discarded, but they have been used skillfully.

A slip or half-slip may have underlayers of pastel net low on the skirt or about the hemline. Or the trim may be narrow blue velvet ribbons set between small ruffles of shirred net.

Some of the elegant touches are: embroidered net panels that underline the bust and form a deep torso silhouette, all-over embroidery on the bodice and scalloped lace at hemline or bust.

Embossed Batiste

Two of the most outstanding lingerie fabrics for warm weather are embossed batiste and sacron-and-cotton blends, both easy to wash, both comfortable at all times. There's also a wide array of printed cottons, some with superimposed embroidery that gives the print pattern extra richness and dimension.

While most lingerie fabrics require little or no ironing these days, there will always be women who are quite willing to spend a few minutes at the ironing board in order to get the kind of garments they prefer. For these perfectionists, there are lovely cottons, silks and crepes.

White invariably takes the lead in warm weather lingerie, but lemon, lime and lavender are coming along fast, beautiful additions to the blues and pinks in the lingerie wardrobe.

Even though these delicate colours are washable, it's just as well to launder them separately from your white garments. While nylon, remember, is apt to pick up a tinge from even the palest colours in the same wash water.

Stating the preference is a tall, dark dashing woman whose use of the word "lady" is purely as title, Lady Tarbat.

She is about to impart her knowledge on "how to be a member of society in a nice way" to girls who will pay

80 guineas for 60 hours tuition (spread over a month).

It will be a course, not a finishing school, that's the development.

And the modern "nice" girl as envisaged by Lady Tarbat and her partner, Mrs Joan Broome, at the soon-to-be-opened "Academy of Social Graces" is a far, far snappier girl than ever imagined by Lady Troubridge, the last great arbiter of social behaviour whose 30-year-old standard work on the subject still surprisingly stands.

A blend

The Tarbat-trained girl will not only be a gaffe-less girl, she will be a blend of undercover expert knowledge. She will look as though she thought kitchen sink meant the lift to the basement, but when actually faced with the washing up will seize the mop the right way and do the washing up in the proper sequence ("Glasses first, ash trays last").

It is the Tarbat-trained girl who will rush to the fuse-box when the lights go out at a party. And who between mammas will renew the washer on her hostess's lap.

And what she has gained in practical knowledge she will have retained in social graciousness.

"Old fashioned manners in a modern world, it doesn't matter what happens to the world," says Lady Tarbat. "Good manners are always possible."

Atom-age courtesy includes the revival of the respect that used to be shown to old people.

"Don't you agree there isn't enough of it nowadays?" asked Lady Tarbat.

The rules

Here are some of her rules: "Youngsters should always get up when an old person comes into the room."

"Girls should always stand up when greeted by an older woman. The older woman should immediately have good enough manners to say 'do sit down,' but at least the gesture will have been made."

"If there is only one comfortable chair in the room, a young girl should always get up and offer it to the older woman."

The Tarbat girl will be recognizable because you will not notice her.

"A well-bred, charming girl walking into the room will not be noticed. We don't want them to be like models, I know, I

used to be a model myself," says Lady Tarbat. "And you have to show the clothes, be an extrovert."

"We don't want to turn out either models or film stars."

Nevertheless, in a quiet way, poise and grace must be learned. Particularly by those girls "with faces like flowers who, the moment they start to move, propel themselves with their arms." Or those "who sit as though they hadn't any idea they have a backbone at all."

Social lessons will be taught with realistic humour. "How to eat caviare. Spread a little on the toast provided. Squeeze a little lemon juice on it, and take a small bite. You can't take more than a small bite as a little is all you get."

And even more realistic will be the recognition of the decline in snobbery.

"Young people want to meet people who do things."

So as "guest speaker" in the month's course Lady Tarbat will present not a titled acquaintance, but "somebody like Jack Hawkins."

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Fath points the way to winter

by EILEEN ASCROFT

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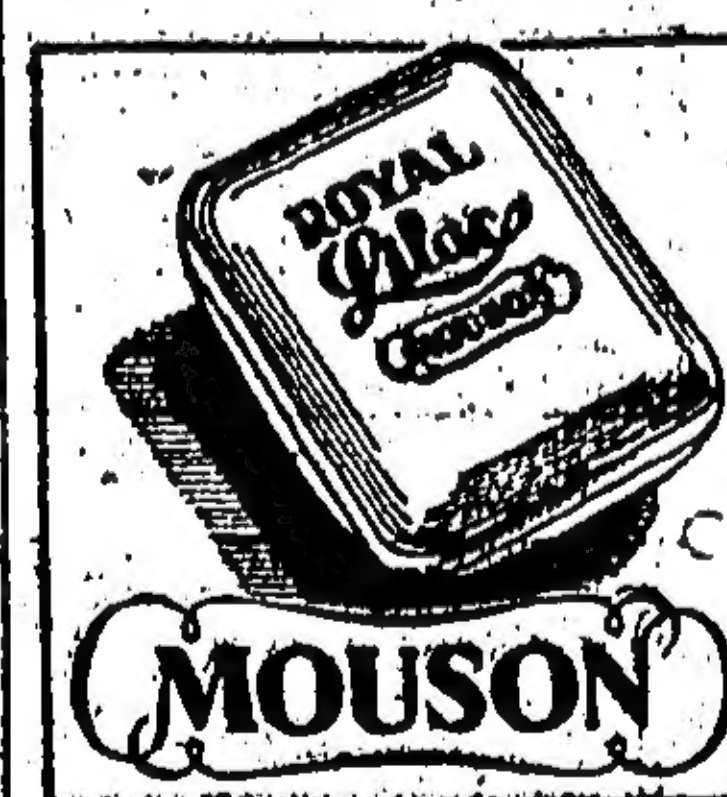
- 1—South-west African Persian lamb as the top fur trimming;
- 2—Simple Oriental collars;
- 3—Square look to the shoulders, with inset sleeves;
- 4—Moulded waistline, unbelted;
- 5—Low-set pockets giving long-body look;
- 6—Tunic skirt, with slim underskirt;
- 7—Three-quarter sleeves, with important cuffs;
- 8—A barrel muff to match a tiny fur cap;

In grey worsted trimmed with astrakhan, this coat dress by Genevieve Fath is the one I would choose myself if I could take my pick of the French collections. It is smart, practical and, though in the latest fashion, is not too extreme.

A HAT A DAY



For that evening when you want to look smart but not formal—for the quiet life—a **French Can Can**. A black velvet breton with a draped crown and a great big rose backed by a posy for trimming. (Express Fashion Service).



NEW PLASTIC FABRICS

If you're planning to do that is needed to keep them any redecorating take freshly beautiful is a wiping look at the new upholstery fabrics. And there are new plastic materials that even breathe these days!

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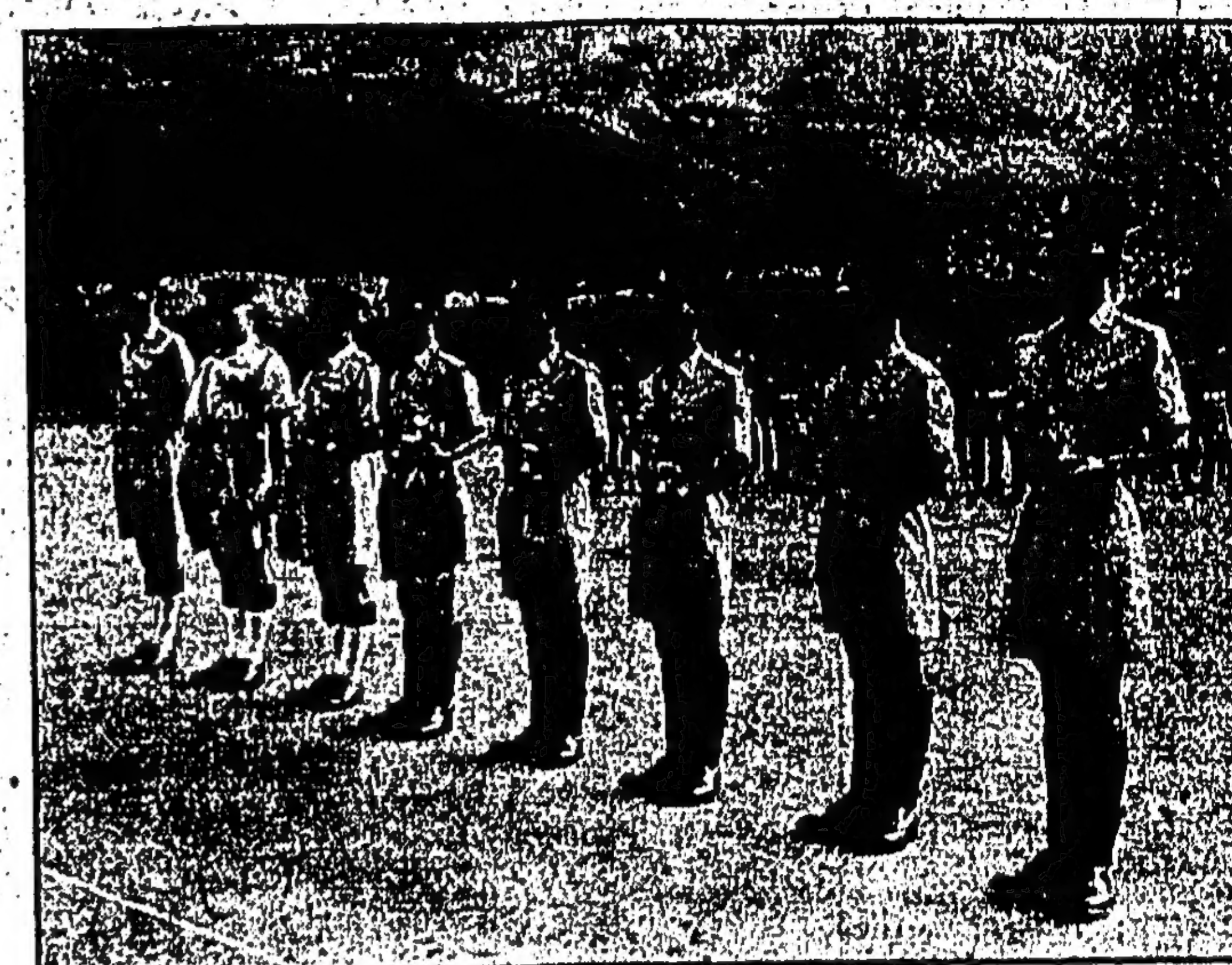
THE nine American nationals released by the Chinese Communists after long terms of imprisonment who reached Hongkong in the past week. From top left down: Father James Joyce, the Rev. Dr. Levi A. Lovgren, Miss Sarah Perkins, Father Frederick A. Gordon. The five above are, from left: Father Harold W. Rigney, Mr. Walter A. Rickett, Miss Dorothy Middleton, Mr. Lawrence Richard Buol and Father Joseph E. Hyde. (Staff Photographer)



ANNUAL meeting of the Hongkong Council of Women at Government House. Lady Grantham, Honorary President, presided. Miss I. Wallace-Turner, retiring chairman, seen addressing the large gathering. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: The young friends of young Anthony Evans at his seventh birthday party. Anthony is the son of Mr and Mrs K. Evans. (Ming Yuen)



THE team from the Police Training School, Aberdeen, winners of the Police Inter-Divisional Revolver Shoot. Picture taken at last Saturday's prize presentation. (Staff Photographer)



BELOW: Group picture taken at the gathering of parishioners of the Diamond Hill Church at Kai Tak. (May-fair)

THE christening of Linda Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Tang, at St Jude's Church last Saturday. (Ming Yuen)

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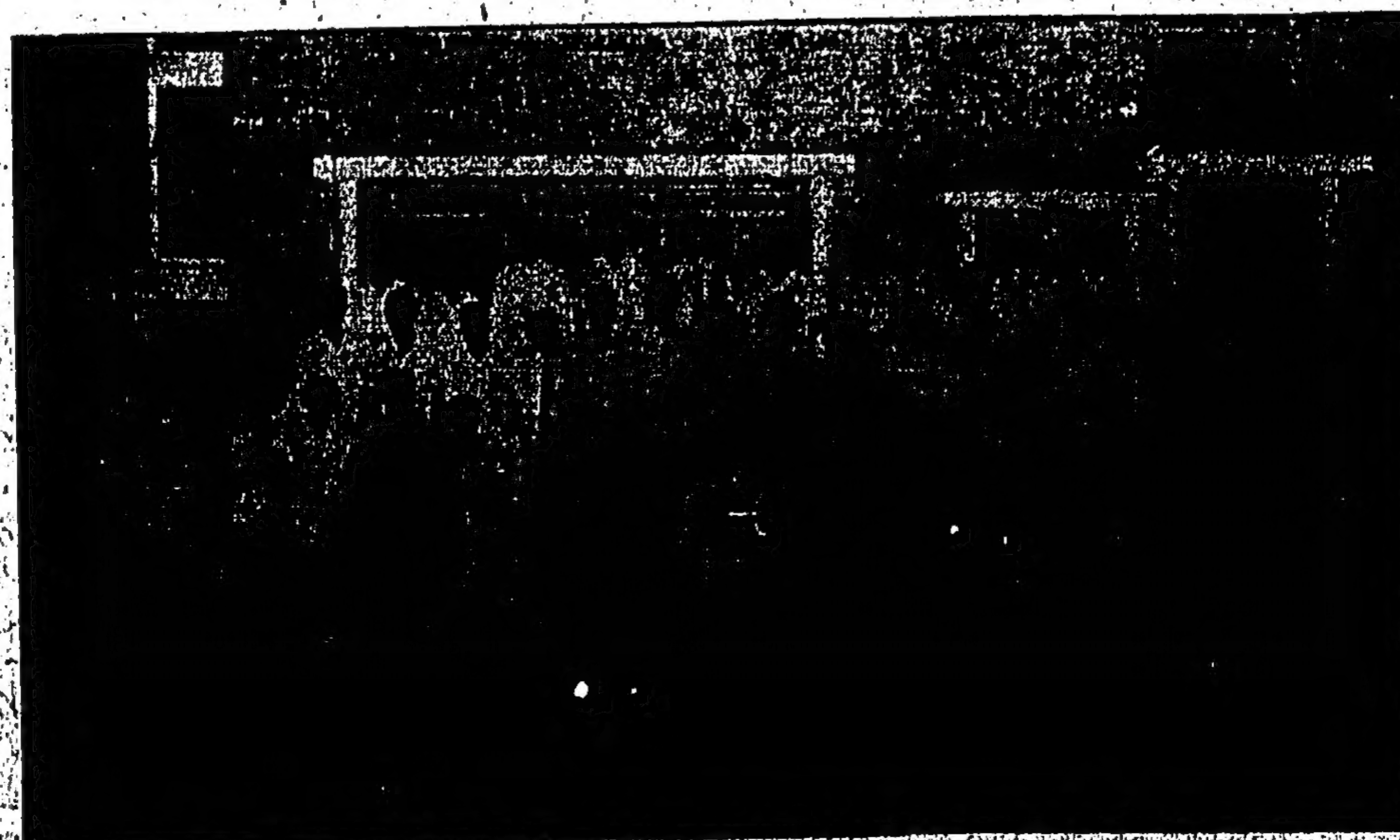


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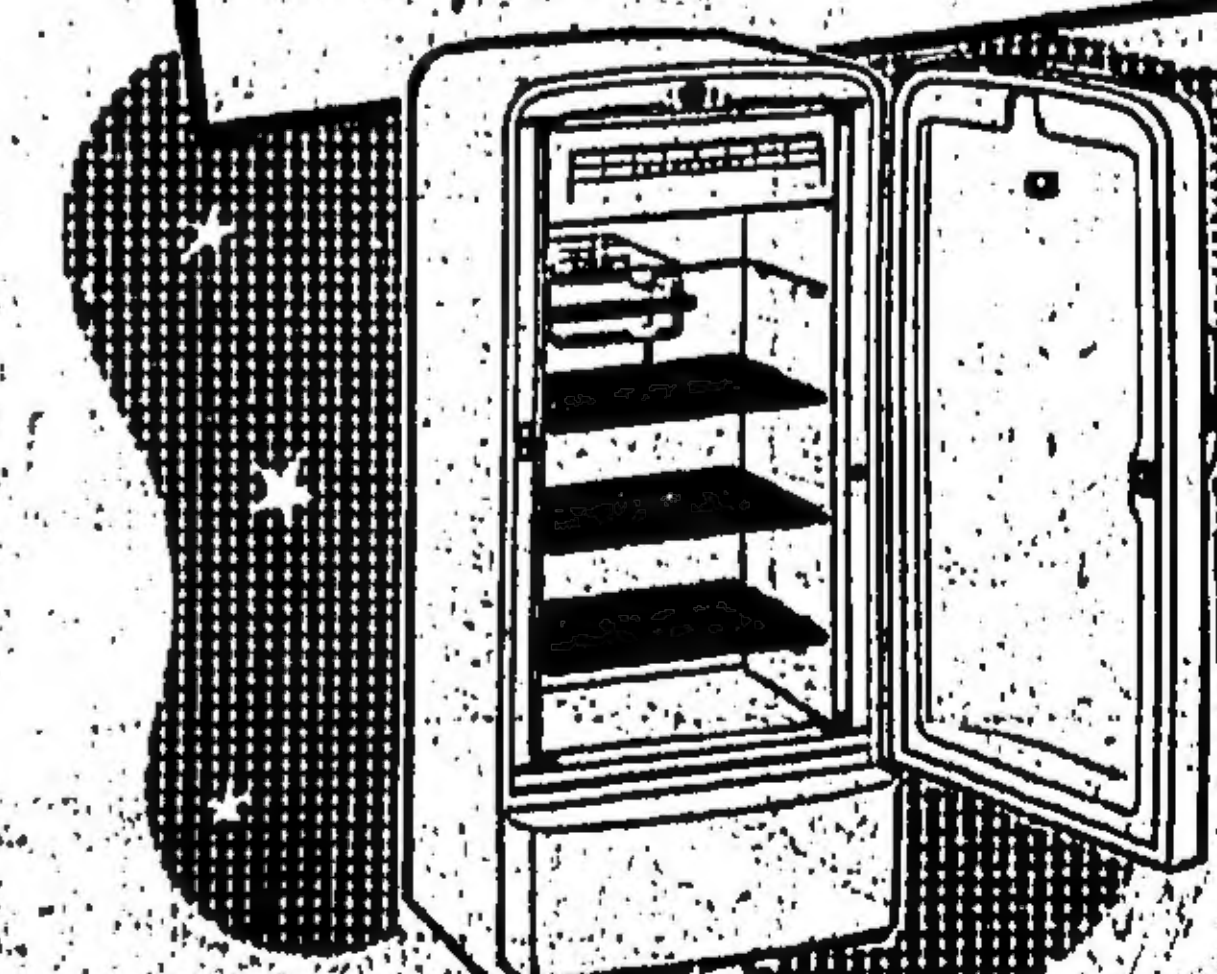
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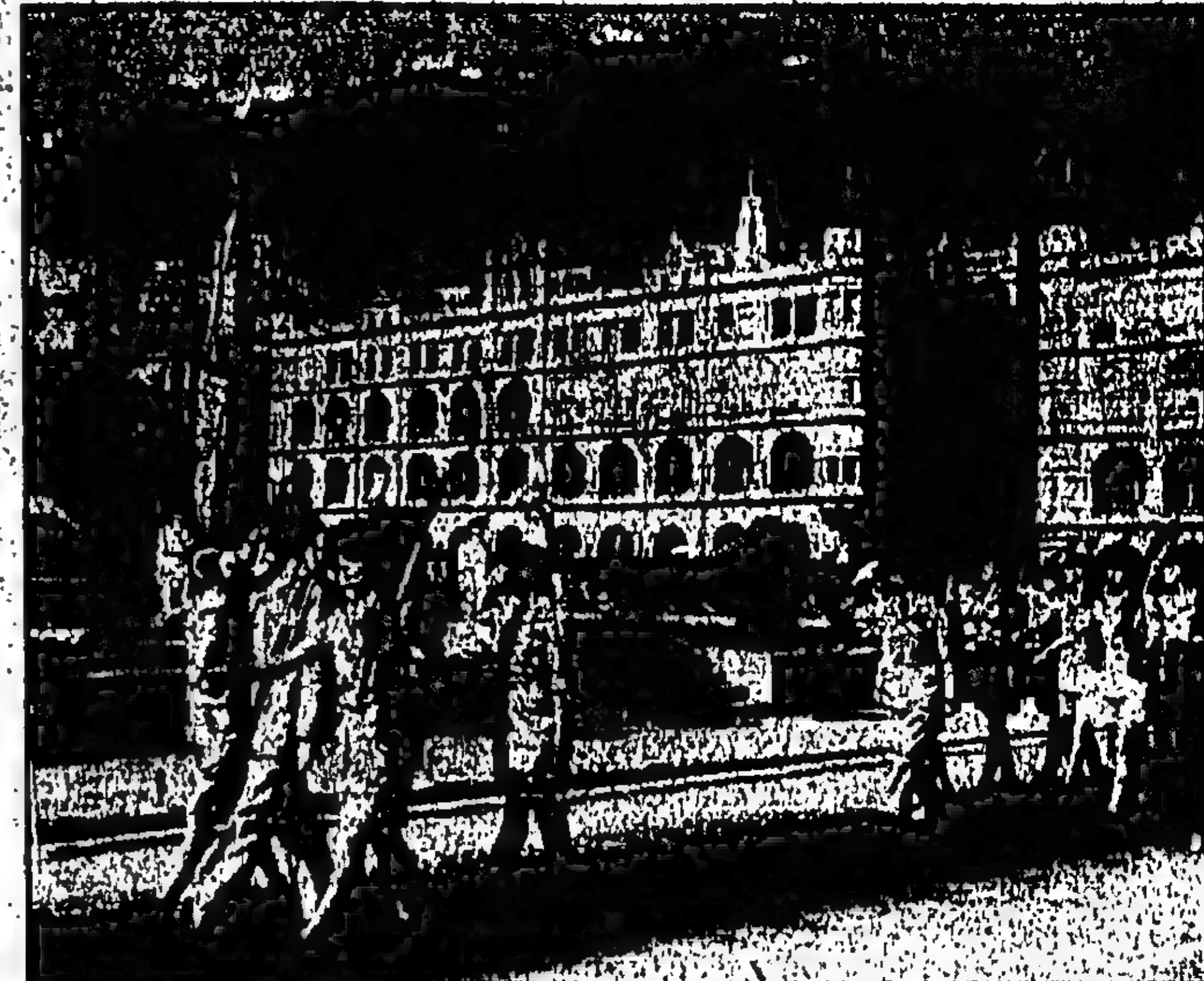
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28 SQUADRON, Royal Air Force, parading its Standard for the first time in public at last Sunday's Battle of Britain Parade. His Excellency the Governor took the salute on the Cenotaph steps. (Staff Photographer)



HIS Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham being conducted around the exhibition of Royal Air Force pictures and equipment at the New York Theatre by Group Captain A. W. Wood. The exhibition was arranged in connection with the charity premiere of the film "The Night My Number Came Up." (Staff Photographer)

MISS Bonnie Parsons, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. J. Parsons, cutting the cake at her seventh birthday party. (Ming Yue)



LEFT: Club de Recreio "Blues" team, winners of the First Division in this year's Lawn Bowls League. S. E. Passos, the captain, is seated third from left. (Mainland)

MR F. F. Booth, until recently Hongkong manager of the American President Lines, left last Sunday by the President Wilson to take up his new appointment in Japan. He was accompanied by Mrs. Booth and their daughter, Stephanie, and they were seen off by many friends. Mr. Booth receiving the good wishes of Dr and Mrs Arthur Woo. (Staff Photographer)

CHRISTENING at St Andrew's Church last Saturday of Allister Joffrey Walpole, son of Major and Mrs C. Walpole. (Willie's)



D. W. Leach and A. D. Duffy, Hongkong Cricket Club lawn bowls pairs champions, receiving trophies from Mrs F. C. B. Black at the closing day prize presentation last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



A visitor enjoying a ride at the night display held on Murray Parade Ground in connection with Scout Week. (Staff Photographer)

LEFT: Twenty-year-old Ho Hay-chwee, student from Singapore, who arrived on Thursday to study in Hongkong on a four-year scholarship offered by the Hongkong Junior Chamber of Commerce. (Staff Photographer)

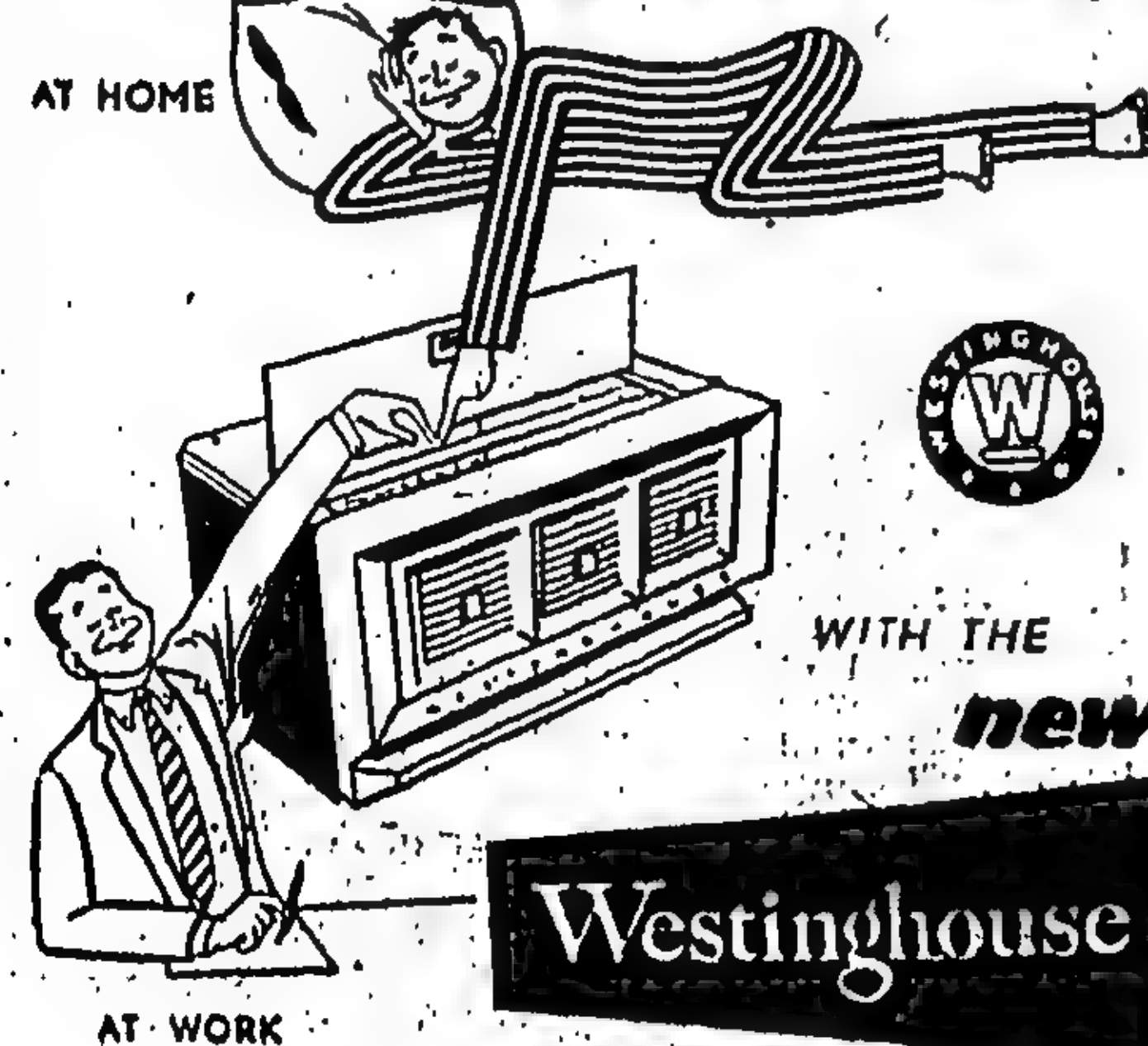


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GROUP outside the Registry of Marriages on Monday after the wedding of Miss Lily Lai and Mr Rit Suvanichakul. The bridegroom came from Thailand for the wedding. (Staff Photographer)

MY GROUSE AGAINST NIGEL BALCHIN

By
NANCY SPAIN

THIS is the age of the business man, the age of the "trick-cyclist." So it is no wonder that our best-selling novelist is a mixture of both.

I am thinking about that 47-year-old, cricket-playing wonder, Nigel Balchin, who has a new book, *THE FALL OF THE SPARROW* (Collins, 12s. 6d.), just out. It is all about a young man called Jason Fellow.

of Natural Science, while there made friends with a small, dark man who wanted to be an actor.

He was James Mason, "I first encouraged him to keep cats," says Balchin.

By 1933 Mason was starring in a play by Balchin called "Miserable Sinners."

So brilliant

When the book opens he is on trial for false pretences, dud cheques, stealing. "All," says one of his school chums, "various illegal methods of raising the wind."

The judge, in sentencing Jason to 12 months' imprisonment, remarks that he is "the son of a distinguished soldier, was given a first-class education, served his country gallantly, and had the honour to hold his Majesty's commission."

So Mr Balchin sets out, drearily, painstakingly, to show that Jason's distinguished dad was as mad as a hatter and died in an asylum. That his first-class education was a hollow mockery and sham. That when he was holding his Majesty's commission he was in a pea-green funk and telling lies all day long like a lady novelist.



BALCHIN: What does he think as he reads himself?

I often wonder what he thinks as he re-reads himself. For most of the Balchins are written on the same slick, rubber-stamp pattern.

So woeful

THE book ends when someone says: "So you see, it was hopeless from the start." Hopeless indeed, for Jason was condemned right from the start to become one day one of Mr Balchin's poor mixed-up kids, one of Mr Balchin's favourite psychopathic heroes. Which seems to me the most depressing fate that can befall anyone.

For some years now I have wanted to complain about Nigel Balchin.

Balchin as a novelist is an excellent psychologist and a fine reporter. He writes novels that skim over the surface of human emotions all right, but he never (as an artist should) produces any depth of emotion. Nor does he offer any solution for his characters.

Readable as a headline, Balchin's books are as slick as a city suit on a city gent.

So dissatisfied

WHAT sort of man is it who produces this sort of book? Balchin is the principal shareholder in a sparkling new company called Balchin Productions Ltd., which announces its business as acquiring and exploiting the literary and dramatic works of Nigel Balchin.

He is an industrial psychologist who is said to earn £8,000 a year as adviser to Rowntrees, the chocolate people.

On his passport he calls himself "business executive."

We know him as the author of "Mine Own Executioner," a book about a psychiatrist who couldn't cure himself. Balchin was so dissatisfied with this work that he tried to tear it up in manuscript. The paper was too tough for him... and the book sold 250,000 copies.

Balchin is the son of a small tradesman. He was educated at Dauntsey's School, Wiltshire; went to Cambridge on an Exhibition

IN 1939 Balchin became a "scientific adviser" to the Army Council. He became a brigadier. He wrote such books as "Darkness Falls from the Air" and "The Small Back Room," with their brilliant use of wartime backgrounds.

He has been married twice. By his first marriage he has three daughters.

Balchin, acknowledged as a man of sound common sense, says he is more worried about the "contents" of his books than their style. And he should know. "It just happens I don't often buy novels," he says, "so when there's nothing else to read I often find myself picking up an old Balchin."

What does he think as he reads himself? For most of the Balchins are written on the same slick, rubber-stamp pattern.

ONCE he made a brave attempt to break away. He wrote an experimental book called "Lord, I Was Afraid." But it was as full of popular despair as his best-sellers. It was filled with woe about the problems of humanity. And offered no solution, no comfort at all.

Mr Balchin is much given to public statement. Among other things he has said:—

● **FEAR** is the great producer of jealousy.

● **WOMEN** are intensely and more unscrupulously ambitious than men.

● **NO SANE MAN** wants to mine coal unless he cannot get a living any other way.

● **MONEY** is an incentive, but an incentive is not necessarily money.

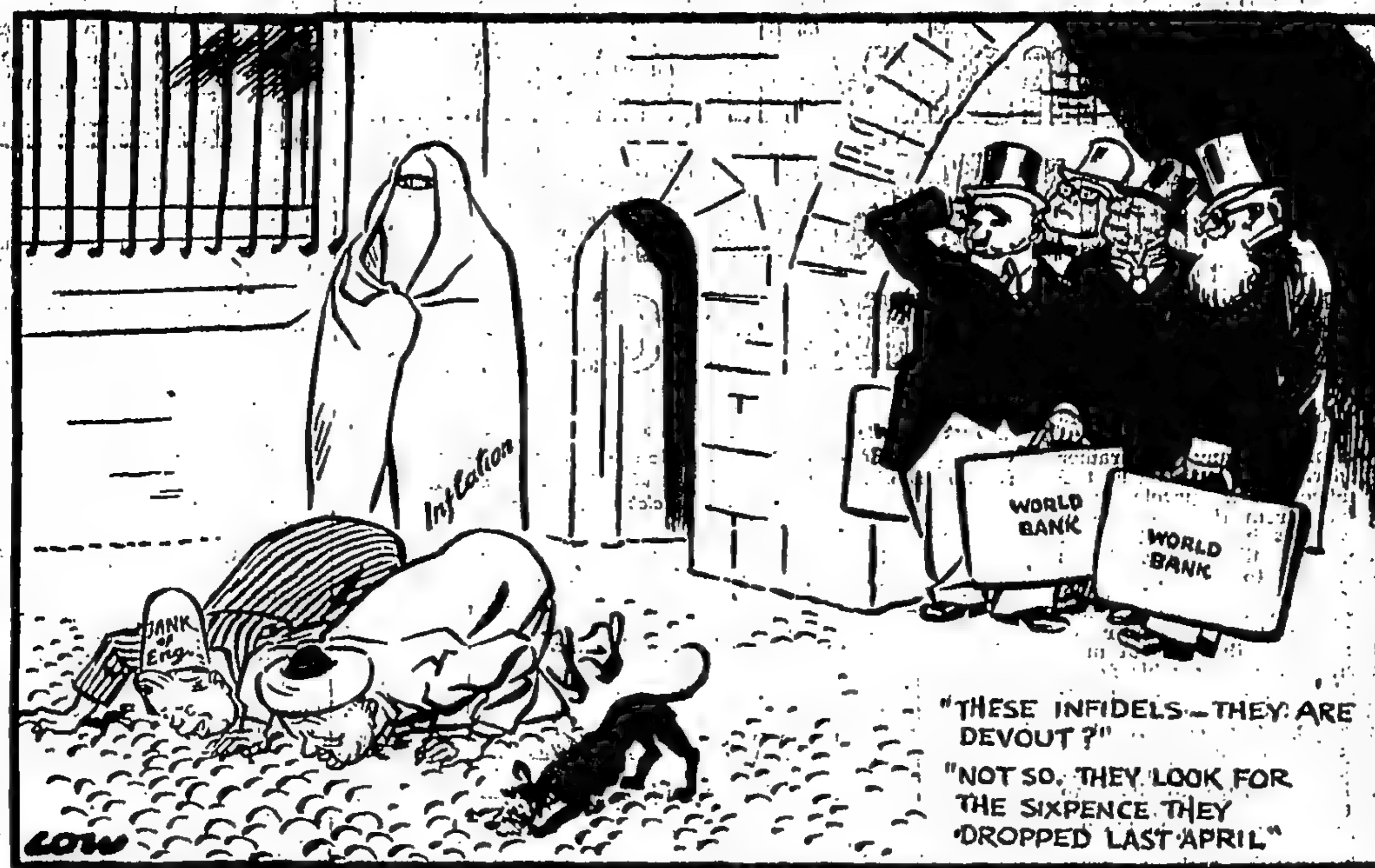
● **THE GREATEST** barrier to good and great writing today is the absence of faith and charity.

All of which, in the last analysis, have about as much profundity and originality as the statement that a cow has four legs. And that goes for the Balchin-type novel too.

So smooth

NOVEL readers have been spoon-fed on his sort of cleverness so long that we have forgotten the wonder of a great work of art.

It is better by far to be inarticulate and to have something to say than to say nothing at all as smoothly as Mr Balchin says it.



ISTANBUL NIGHTS

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FASHIONS IN COURTSHIP CHANGE

Men Are Going In For Waved Hair, Perfumes

By JACQUELINE HILL

THERE has never been a time in history when some ardent lover—male or female—hasn't been busy trying some new method of attracting a mate. Cosmetics, of course, are as old as civilisation—in fact, even older if one includes the paints used by primitive tribes to make themselves look more attractive and desirable.

But the interesting point about cosmetics and make-up is that these have not always been the prerogative of the female species. Nor have elaborate and ornate clothes, wigs and perfumes, and the paraphernalia of the boudoir always remained only in that feminine sanctum.

It is not so very many generations since bewigged, perfumed men, with large black beauty spots placed conspicuously on their faces, tottered around on high heels and waved their fans in the direction of beautiful women, whose powdered faces matched their own.

The clothes of these men were so elegant that it would have taken many an eighteenth century Dior or Schiaparelli to meet their changing tastes and fancies.

TRENDS

Ridiculous, and it couldn't happen today! Perhaps not. But there are certain trends in evidence that make one wonder. Men's clothes are gradually becoming brighter and more colourful and they are again getting a sense of fashion. They are also taking more care of their hair—style these days, and permanent waves and sets—not to speak of manicures—are becoming increasingly common in both the United States and Britain. In France, as well as the United States, perfumes for men are getting popular. It makes one wonder where all this will stop.

In ancient Greece women were sold as slaves, and because of this men did not waste their time chasing them and therefore making themselves look handsome for this purpose.

It can be said, in fact, that men did not particularly care what their wives looked like. Their only function in life was to bear children. Courtship was therefore at a low ebb.

However, as a matter of form, men were expected to carry off their brides with violence. Once this was done, the bride was taken in hand by a bridesmaid (dressed in male clothes) and left in a dark room, where her newlywed husband

band paid her short visits before going back to his men friends.

The women of ancient Rome had more freedom and went to great pains to attract their men. There were many "beauticians" and books on the art of love. Women were warned against having stubby legs or too much make-up. Big-bosomed women were advised to wear corsets.

DEVICE

E.S. Turner, in his book "A History of Courting," reports a device used by Roman matrons to send messages to their lovers. They would write in milk (which was invisible) on the bare backs of their maids. The lover would then rub the invisible writing with coal to make the letters visible.

The Roman poet, Ovid, says that this did not remain popular long with many matrons as the lovers would become more interested in the maid's backs than in the messages!

The Middle Ages exhibited some weird manifestations of courtship. It was not uncommon for a man to offer his life for the favours of his prospective mistress. Courtship has never reached greater heights of sacrifice and, should we add, stupidity. Many offered to kill themselves in front of their mistresses after they had received their favours.

One man dressed himself up in a wolf skin so that he could be hunted down by dogs in the light of his mistress. His name was Pierre de Vidal. His mistress's husband showed more compassion than she did, for while she laughed he sent for a doctor.

TOKENS

It was during this period that some lovers expressed the extent of their passion by dismembering themselves. Many beautiful women used to receive ghastly tokens of love in the shape of severed ears and fingers. E.S. Turner even reports one elderly knight who dressed himself as a beggar and mingled with lepers at the gate of his mistress's castle.

It is amusing to recall the stir caused by the introduction to the Western world of the sofa from the Middle East. This seductive piece of furniture almost immediately earned the condemnation of moralists. The reason for this was because

it enabled women to "show feet and ankles while languishing."

In New England, a Reverend Samuel Peters said that young couples had for more than 150 years "bundled in bed with ten times more chastity than sitting on a sofa." "Bundling" is defined as courting in bed, partly clothed.

The history of devices to attract has swung from revealing to concealing almost every part of the body, with the exception of hands and face. Victorian England concealed, and many men agree that here is an attraction about concealment that is almost as tantalising as the too frank revelation of female charms.

The pendulum has now swung towards the revelatory side again. This revolution was caused mainly by

the cinema and the invention of the front seat of the motor-car. The cinema showed people kissing in public on the screen, and front car seats brought courting right up to date.

Courting today has lost many of its fine points. In fact it is, regrettably, little more than a mutual mauling match. Poetry is, of course, out of date, and no girl really expects to have sonnets written to her charms.

NUANCES

Wit and conversation have gone overboard, which is a great pity. Perhaps the cinema, the radio and television are to blame, or is it that modern couples have lost most of the finer nuances of courtship?

On the other hand, many experts are critical of the attitudes of the older generation, who will not allow young couples courting facilities, and so drive them into parks and alleyways where they are disturbed by the police and other busybodies. Privacy should be the heritage of civilisation. It is interference, that is at the base of most trouble. Lovers should be given a fair chance.

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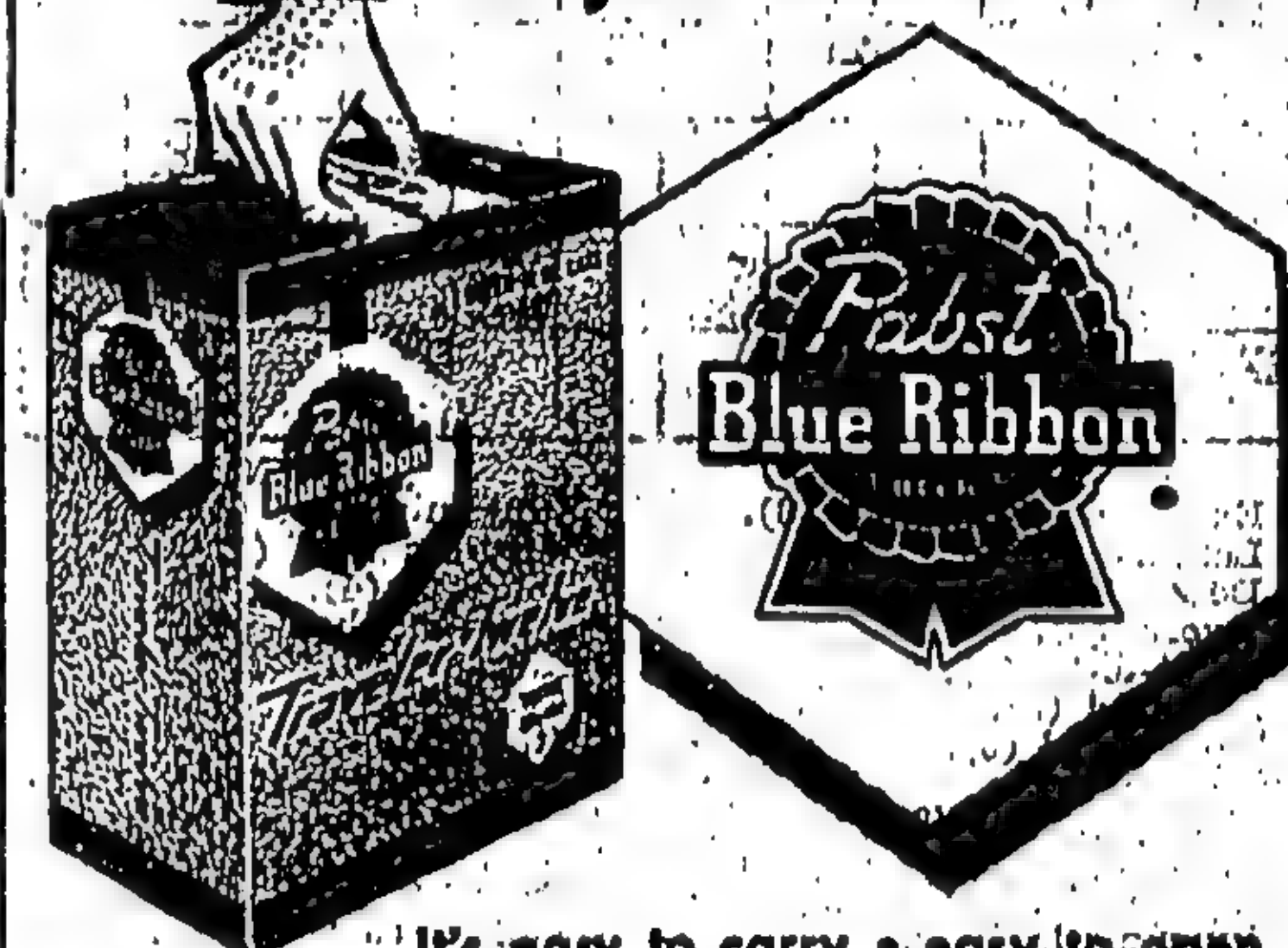
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SOME time before George Washington led the embattled colonial farmers against the Hessians of King George III, he composed an instructional manual called *The Rules of Civility*. In this he gave young men sound advice on these lines:

"Kill no vermin as Fleas, etc., in the Sight of Others nor Gnaw your nails."
"Cleanse not your teeth with the Table Cloth, Napkin, Knife or Fork."
Nicolson does not follow Washington's example. He does

not presume to tell his readers how they should conduct themselves in company but rather considers, with detachment and prejudice, how people have behaved from time to time in the world's history and what have been the various ideals they sought to imitate.

At a tender age he was impressed by the power of etiquette in the lives of men. Taken as a child by his father to see the Ottoman Sultan Abdul Hamid drive to worship at a mosque, the child Nicolson was shocked to see elderly members of the Turkish Cabinet clinging to straps attached to the Sultan's carriage and running in full uniform, beside it.

Why should such a cruel ordeal be inflicted on leading statesmen? The only answer was that custom demanded it—as it demanded that the King and Queen of Spain should on state occasions, assume a glazed, unseeing expression and appear to be unaware of the presence of the assembled diplomats and courtiers.

What are manners? They are something existing in the gap between cleanliness and godliness. They are a serviceable substitute for morals. They are one of the arts of display. For this reason they are most elaborate where women play a dominant part in society.

Nicolson's survey of human behaviour begins at Athens, where the whole question of manners was simplified by the fact that respectable women lived more or less in purdah (and had the reputation of being heavy drinkers, like the ladies of the court of Versailles).

The use of knife and fork has always been a question dividing one culture from another. Thus the Americans use these instruments in succession; the British, simultaneously.

Louis XIV. found Mme. de Thiang's habit of incessantly using her fork so insupportable that he told his valet to put snails in her plate. It is a warning to us against excesses of refinement such as a certain snickering carriage of the little finger in taking tea.

• Tuck the table napkin under the collar? Use the knife, then the fork, or both together? Feed the dog under the table? It all depends on who you are and where you are—but always when women dominate society manners are more elaborate.



by
**GEORGE MALCOLM
THOMSON**

There is a kind of good manners which, being a silent reproach to others, becomes bad manners.

In Athens the question could not arise. There was neither knife nor fork. One leaned gracefully on the left elbow and used the fingers of the right hand, later wiping them on a piece of bread which was thrown to the dogs.

The Romans used table napkins, each guest bringing his own. But there seem to have been no foolish taboos such as that forbidding us to tuck the napkin under the collar or tie it in a knot at the back of the neck.

We do not (save facetiously) address a man as "brother" or his wife as "sister," thus avoiding an error which says Nicolson, made the Early Christians unpopular with the masses.

With the Middle Ages, chivalry came in and washing went out. Soap was reserved for under linen. An attractive mutton-bone could be carried off from the dining table to be gnawed in the privacy of the bed chamber.

The Reverend Edward J. Hardy, a Victorian writer on manners, points out: "After denying it women do not give them opportunities." In the Middle Ages, there were plenty of opportunities.

Women were expected to walk with short, mincing steps

to demonstrate their weakness and need of protection. On meeting them, men did not raise the hat in greeting (a sign of provincial upbringing) but merely pushed the hat slightly above the brow.

Public scratching; the misuse of the tablecloth, the exploration of the mouth with the knife—all these practices were condemned, then as now.

About finger-bowls there have always been differences of opinion; at Versailles in the time of Louis XIV, courtesy or witty conversation was interrupted at the end of a meal by a universal outbreak of gargling, a habit still prevailing in conservative circles in France.

Erasmus thought it the height of bad manners for a guest to feed the dogs with scraps from the host's table. He advised the utmost discretion in undressing lest spectators be offended.

In the eighteenth century, the French aristocracy made etiquette a cult; their English opposites took up sport. The French Revolution showed which was the better way to popularity.

As for the future, the pattern of manners for the English-speaking world will be set by the Americans. That is the conclusion reached, rather dolefully, by Nicolson at the end of his rambling and jackadassical book. His only hope is that it will be set by the kind of Americans he likes.

PARADE

CHOICE SERVICE

If the man behind the bar in Britain's pubs does not like the look of you, he can refuse you a drink. And that's final. This was made clear in a statement by the brewing trade.

The man behind the bar need not even give you a glass of water, added the brewers. "He can withhold hospitality of every kind from anyone who-soever on no better grounds than he dislikes his face, his necktie or the movement of his Adam's-apple as he drinks."

But at least they recognised that it would be bad for business if the barman were too prejudiced against a thirsty drinker. Adam's-apple as he downed his first half-pint.

The barman would be "unwise to refuse customers without good cause," they warned.

REGIMENTAL RELIC

A biscuit preserved from the 1914-18 war is one of the "treasures" of the Bucks Regiment Old Comrades' Association. The biscuit was the last one left of those issued to them before they left Chelmsford for France in 1915.

It has been given to the Association by one of the families on whom the men were billeted. It had been carefully preserved for 40 years.

SCHOOL TIE

Is it a waste of money now to send a son to a select expensive school which the sort of public school the sort of school which in the past moulded the young fellows who went out to build the Empire? Or is the £300-£400 a year (for four or five years) still worth spent?

Tory Brigadier Martin Redmayne, Government Whip and MP for Rushcliffe, Nottingham, told a meeting of Conservative women at Nottingham that he did not think much of public schools.

More and more of Britain's leading men were coming from State schools, he said.

He added that he had been most unimpressed by the loud-voiced assurances of many young men from the public schools who had come to his notice in the last few years. But he had been most impressed by the quiet assurance of other young men who had come from State grammar schools.

As for the establishments themselves: "The standard of education in a good State grammar school is no lower than

that at a public school. The equipment in State schools is usually very much better."

Finally the Tory Brigadier doubled that the public schools would be able to remain competitive with State schools without financial aid from the Government. That would mean more boys from the poorer classes could enter public schools.

His own education? He was at Radley, one of Britain's leading public schools.

MARILYN A memo circulating around the Pentagon last week began with a question: "What is the advantage of having a Marilyn Monroe shape?" The answer was—plenty.

And all of the answers was the kind of stuff you can print in a clean family newspaper, too.

It just happens that the U.S. Aeronautics Advisory Committee has discovered that jet fighters, with a pinched-in waist, and bulges on either side, go faster than fighters with any other shape. Sometimes they go as much as 25 per cent faster.

And the Pentagon, alert as ever to the publicity angle, has decided to call the shape "Marilyn Monroe."

MOVING CHURCH

An ancient Brussels church is to be moved—ten paces backwards. The church, in the Church of the Madeleine, which was originally to have disappeared to make way for modernisation and road widening for the Brussels World Fair of 1958. Now, however, the City Council has relented on condition that the Church is speedily moved out of the way.

To do this experts will supervise the cutting of a giant trench above foundation level. The entire church will then be mounted on steel rollers and rolled gently backwards six inches a day.

HELP NOT WANTED

Joseph Lohman, sheriff of Chicago's Cook County, is an ex-professor of Sociology—and a man who has firm views on prison reform and civil liberty. But last week, he figured things were going just a bit too far.

He appealed for books for the county jail library. The first one he got in was called "You Can Escape".

Thoughtfully, he took it out.

Filmo

TIPS!

EDITING & TITLING

To help you make your best films better through careful editing, give you below a collection of helpful hints on what to do with your films and how to do it.

EDITING IS FUN

It's merely a matter of organizing the pictures you have taken, so that continuity to scenes that seem unrelated, correcting any errors you may have made. When you've edited your film—combined all the small reels that come back after processing, running the film that isn't quite up to par—you'll have another step on the way to earning a reputation among your friends as a "professional" photographer. An editing job well done can make even the best film better.

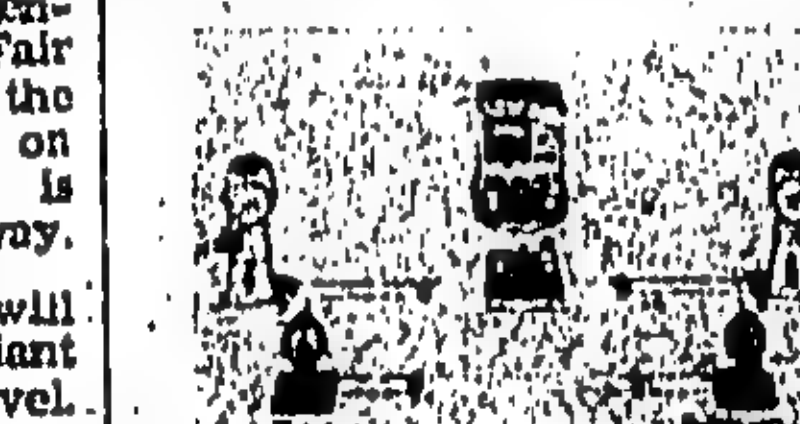
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HOW TO DO A BETTER EDITING JOB

The basic idea is to splice your sets of related scenes together to form sequences, and sequences together to make a picture. Number some sheets of paper consecutively. View your film with viewer. Identify each scene with a brief description on one of the numbered sheets. Cut each scene into reels of a clean egg carton with soft material such as lens cleaning tissue and number each section with a corresponding number. Then arrange the descriptive slips in logical story order, not necessarily the way you have numbered them. Guided by the rearranged slips, begin splicing corresponding reels together. When joining scenes together, try to arrange them by colour value, too, wherever possible. Let continuity decide whether or not you can switch the shots around for a better colour match.

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TIME YOUR SCENES PROPERLY

Timing in a film is very important. If the scenes are too short, cut them out entirely! Cut the scenes that are too long down to a length that holds audience interest. While projecting, make notes of the spots where improvement could be made in arrangement, timing and colour matching. Then go back and cut or rearrange. A series of scenes and sequences seem unrelated, develop a story thread to tie them together. For instance, a series of extra shots—a hand opening the guest book, one signing a name, etc. Let the shot of each visitor follow the scene of a hand, presumably his, signing the book. Combine family shots into a sort of newspaper cut of past news. Headlines serve as titles. Handle film only by the edges, never by flat surfaces. Fingernails may permanently mar the film emulsion.

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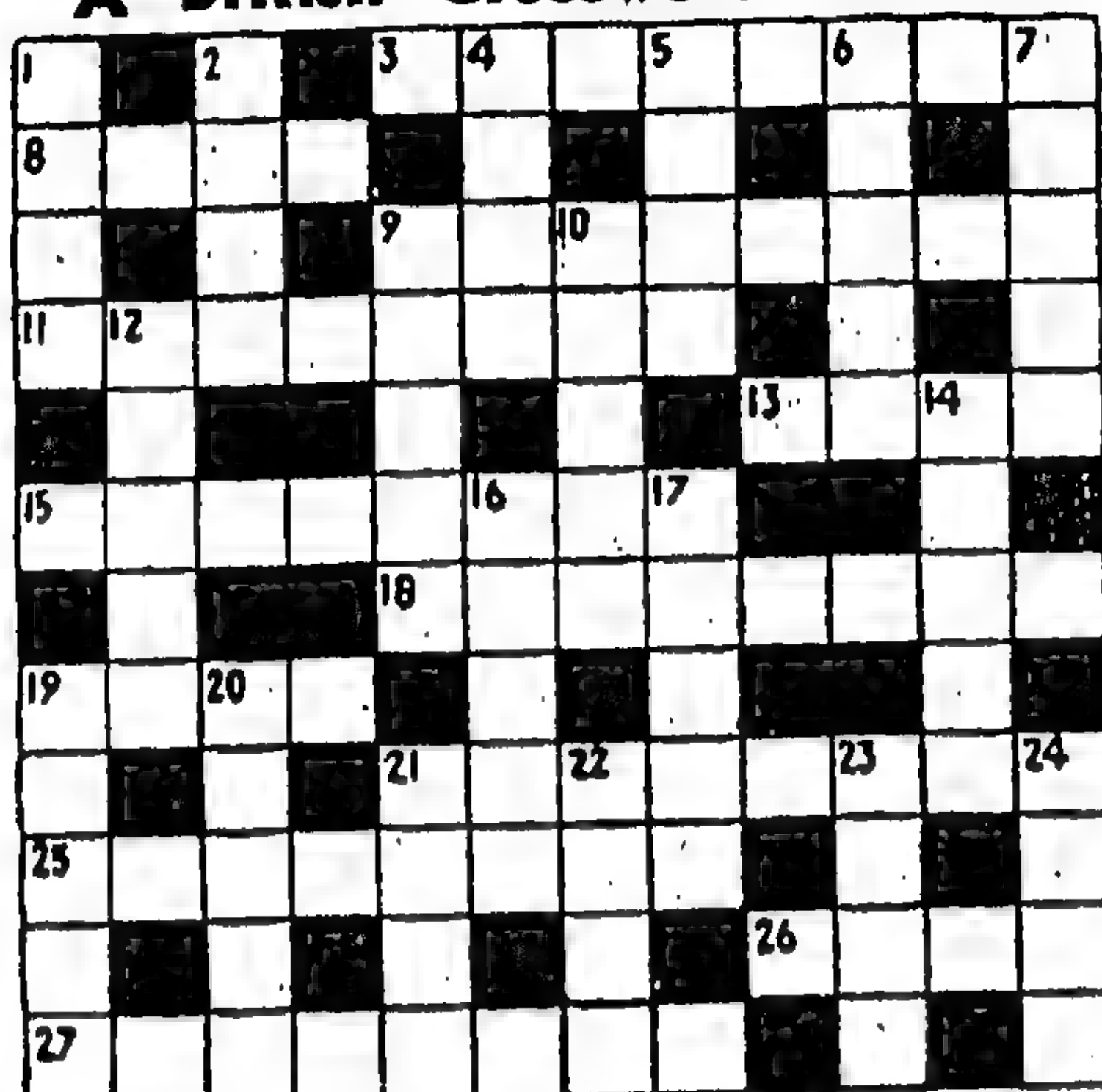
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ACROSS
3 Exchanging (colloq.) (8).
8 Leave out (4).
9 Determined (8).
11 Sword (8).
13 Plant-to-be (4).
15 Attacked (8).
18 Abandoned (8).
19 Repose (4).
21 Not excessive (8).
25 Shuts up (8).
27 Inmate (8).

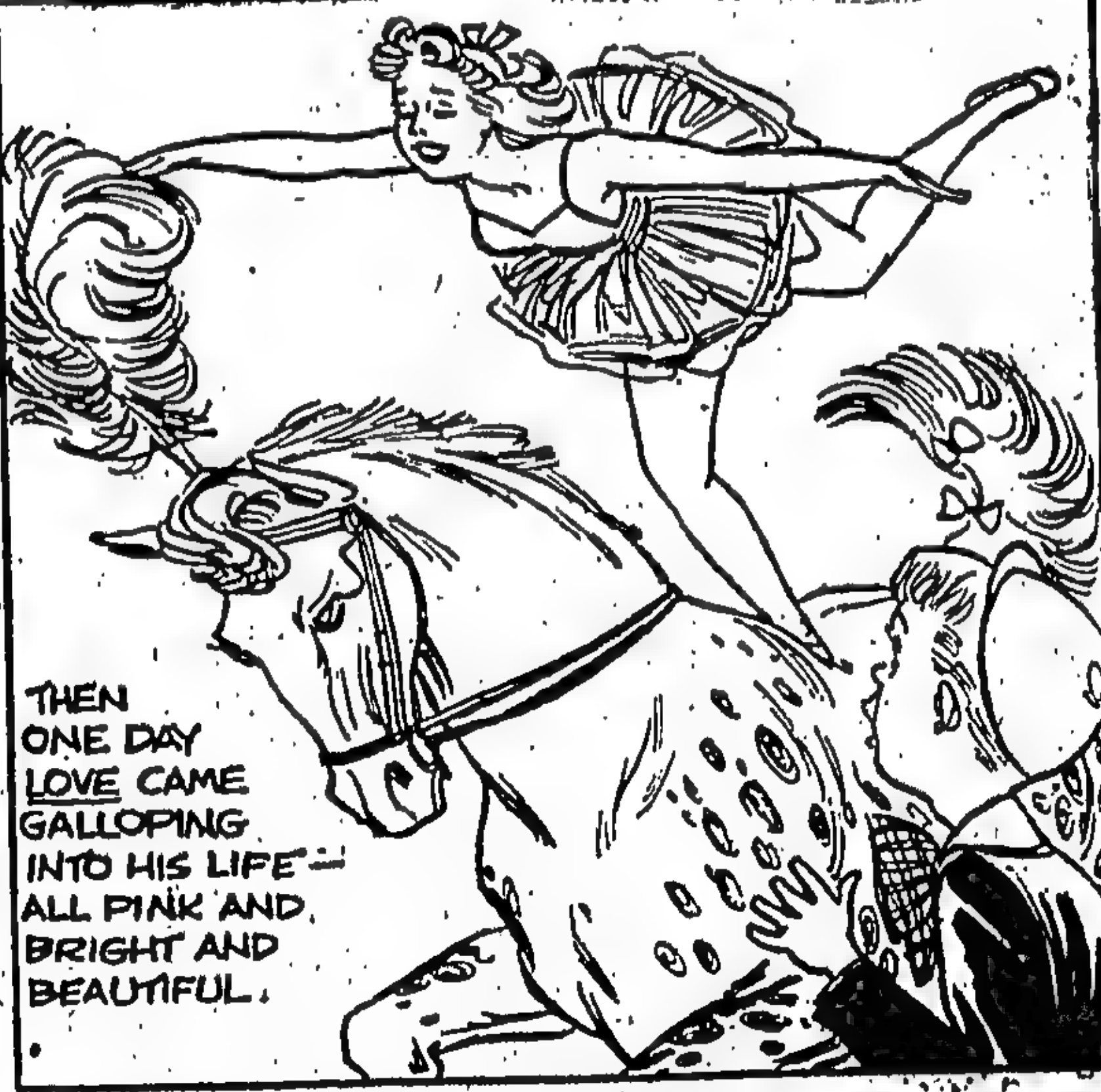
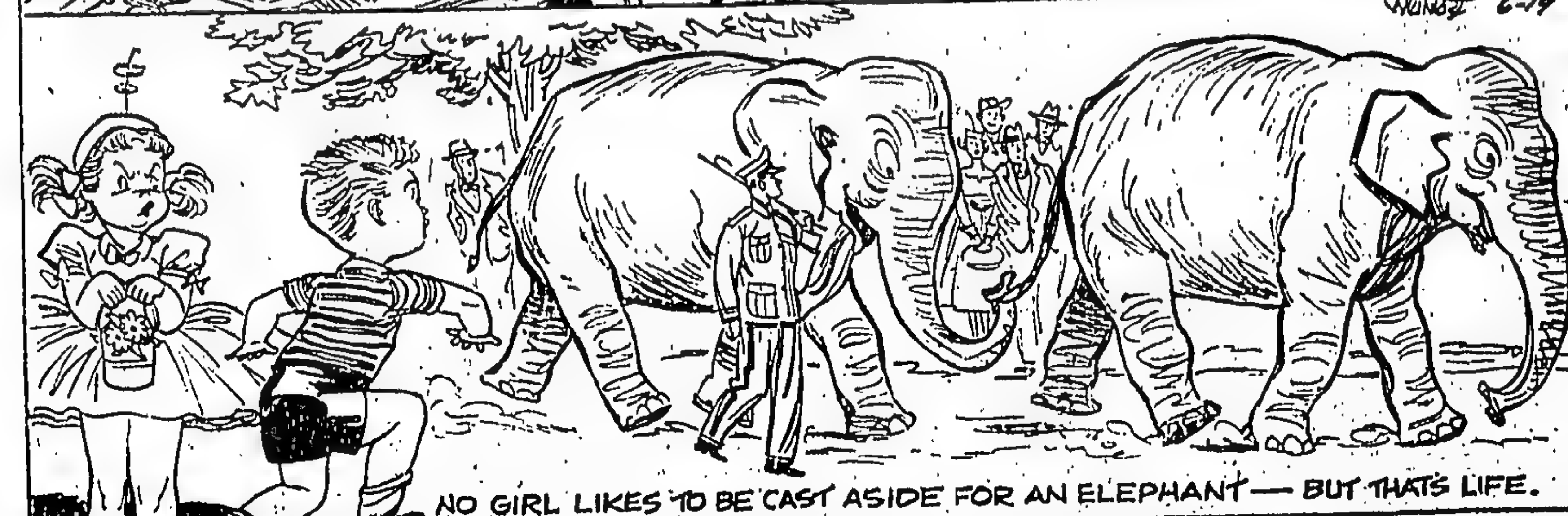
DOWN
1 Superintendent (4).
2 Wingless bird (4).
4 Sharp (4).
5 Improvised (4).
6 Hard (5).
7 Avarice (5).
9 Stiff (5).
10 Strong-boxes (5).
12 Social distinction (5).
14 Happening (6).
16 Fruit (5).
17 Valleys (5).
19 Repeated (5).
20 Chants (5).
21 Gentle (4).
22 Clever (4).
23 Pledge (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Remies, 2 Perch, 7 Meditate, 8 Cross, 9 Target, 11 Lessons, 12 Chances, 13 Factor, 15 China, 19 Spouting, 20 Eased, 21 Endure. Down: 1 Remit, 2 Icing, 3 Startle, 4 Pieces, 5 Redolent, 6 Holms, 10 Realises, 12 Espouse, 13 Cackle, 14 Ceased, 16 Sated, 17 Rogue.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

On Circus Day

BY HARRY WEINERT



Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer

1st Division: Police v Eastern (12.30); KMB v R.F.C. (1.30); Sing Tao v Club (1.30); all matches at 3.30 p.m.

2nd Division: Police v Eastern (12.30); KMB v R.F.C. (1.30); Sing Tao v Club (1.30); all matches at 3.30 p.m.

3rd Division: KMB v Little Saltwater; Dairy Farm v Prisoners; Talkoon v Dockyard; Telephone v Tramways; R.A.M.C. v R.F.C.; all matches at Happy Valley at 4 p.m.

4th Division: B & S v R.I.L. (Happy Valley) 5.30 p.m.

Cricket

Friendly: 1st Division: KCC v Army North (KCC) and Division: Army North v KCC (DS).

Bowls

Gutierrez Shield: Malaysia "A" v Australia "A" (HKFC); England "A" v Scotland "A" (HKFC); Hongkong v Wales (Talkoon); India v Ireland (HKFC); Pakistan "A" v China "B" (HKFC); Portugal "A" v Hongkong "B" (HKFC); Scotland "B" v England "B" (HKFC); and Australia "B" v Malaysia "B" (KCC); all matches at 3.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

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4th Division: Caroline Hill v Dodwell; S & S Tamar v H.C. Air-Club; Redhibition v Kin. Godwin; University v Watson's; Road Works v L. Crawford. All matches at Happy Valley at 5.30 p.m.

Bowls

Open Pairs Final: at Talkoon Club, 4 p.m.

Open Rinks Final: at Bowling Green at 4 p.m.

Golf

Shek-O-Golf Championships Competition.

Softball

Official Opening, Softball League: St. Joseph's v South China.

Shooting

Combined Spoon and Practice Shoot, Stonecutters.

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By "TOUCHER"

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Should, however, victory go to their opponents, it will carry a special meaning, to at least one bowler, Leo Silva. There have been Second Division bowlers who have been included in past champion skips, but it will be the first time in the history of local lawn bowls that a novice who took up the game as recently as this year will be recorded the champion's honour.

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WEEK-END BOWLS

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Top favourites Portugal "B", who gave Persia a 32-10 shellacking last week, meet with stronger opposition this afternoon in Hongkong "B".

In the last match of the afternoon at KCC, Malaysia "B" represented by M. Y. Adel, A. Baehoo, A. R. Abbas, and A. R. Kitchell, look a shade superior to Australia "B" who will have G. F. Leslie, N. S. Fahy, A. D. Duffy, and L. F. Cosgrove doing service for them.

TODAY'S GAMES

Gutierrez Shield, Second Round

Malaya v Australia "A" at HKFC.

England "A" v Scotland "A" at Rectoria.

Hongkong v Wales at Talkoon.

India v Ireland at CCC.

Pakistan v China "B" at KBCG.

Portugal "B" v Hongkong "B" at KDC.

Scotland "B" v England "B" at IRC.

Australia "B" v Malaysia "B" at KCC.

Valley Trophy

PRC v CCC at PRC.

TOMORROW

At KBCG, starting at 4 p.m.

Colony Open Pairs Final: J. da Luz and R. F. da Luz (Rectoria) v A. H. Scemin and C. C. Ma (CCC).

Colony Open Rinks Final: A. V. Lopes, R. G. Lauro, E. R. Rosset, and C. R. Rosset (CCC) v L. Silva, G. Santos, R. Tay and P. K. Lau (CCC).

SPORTS



"Large wooden" spade, Benson — London Express Service.

SPORTS QUIZ

- How many matches did South Africa's cricketers lose on their tour of England last summer?
- Which has been timed at the greater speed (a) a cricket ball (b) a pedal bicycle (c) a tennis ball?
- How many events did Russia's male athletes win on the track and field in the 1952 Olympics (a) four (b) none (c) four?
- Who is the World Bantam-weight Boxing Champion?
- Which sports do you associate with the following (a) Walter Lindrum (b) Fred Archer (c) George Hirst?
- Nationalities please of the following sportsmen (a) J.T. Bosanquet (b) Pancho Segura (c) Earl Wells.
- Answers of famous personalities: (a) MSA DEANS (b) NHO SILDEY (c) BLIL EDNTIL (d) FEOG KDEU?
- How long is a lawn tennis court (a) 78ft. (b) 90ft. (c) 120ft.?
- In which sport may goals not be scored from inside the goal area?
- In Britain which sport is governed by rules laid down by one peer and his awards donated by another?

(Answers See Page 17)

Big Soccer Kick-Off Today Is Something Of An Anti-Climax

Says I. M. MacTAVISH

Today should be a great occasion in the life of all who watch or play football in the Colony, but this year, due mainly to the hangover from the Summer League, the big kick-off is something of an anti-climax.

Nevertheless, there is no lack of interest in what is going on for the soccer appetite has been stimulated by the stories of all that has been happening in the domestic affairs of the top Chinese clubs.

The daily chronicle of the comings and goings of players between clubs has served to keep the fans, and in some cases even the clubs, in doubt as to what the various line-ups will be when the teams trot out this week-end.

Current preparations for the new season have been conducted against an important and far-reaching background of planning and the topic about the 1956 Olympic Games and it is on this subject that I wish to dwell for a bit.

OLYMPIC RULES

Some months ago, after a most careful examination of the Olympic rules governing the eligibility of individuals to represent any particular country, I wrote an article that has since been quoted many times and in many different places.

The gist of my writing was that representing one country in a minor or regional competition did not automatically disqualify a player from representing another country in the Olympics if he was only qualified to do so under the established rules of eligibility.

When I was first satisfied that this was so I realized, as well as anyone, that while it would be possible for Hongkong footballers who had previously represented another country in the Asian Games to go to Melbourne in the Colony's colours, it could also act in reverse for those players who had played for Hongkong at Manila.

The implication that I wrote the article with only a Hongkong advantage in mind, and that I had thus blindly furnished others with just the sort of lever they required, is quite wrong. I gave a lot of study to the rules and I realized only too well that what was good for one set of competitors was also true for all others. Who would want it otherwise?

Now I would like to suggest to those good folks who are considering the possibility of sending Hongkong players off to represent Nationalist China, that it would be well if they gave the Olympic Games eligibility rules a most searching examination before they build too many plans.

I believe that they may find themselves faced with a big snag. The rules as far as the Olympic Games are concerned are administered with a jealous regard for the highest principles and in the age-old spirit of genuine eligibility for this international competition.

These rules are based mainly on a geographical appreciation of countries and are qualified only by a clause which gives a competitor who lacks a residential qualification, or who elects to invoke his ancient right to represent the country of his parents, to do so.

It is this latter part that has encouraged some of our local sportsmen towards the opinion that there is an eligibility created for many of our star footballers to represent Nationalist China, but I would say that there are those who, having examined the "legal" aspect of the rules, do not subscribe to such a view.

ELIGIBILITY

I am not suggesting that these views are beyond argument but I do know they are based on the belief that the appropriate committee of the Games would examine the eligibility of the players very carefully indeed.

The fact that Communist China is free to compete at Melbourne is the crux of the whole affair and serves to emphasize the impartiality of the Olympic committee in disregarding every aspect of politics when assessing a situation.

The opinion which I have now heard expressed by gentlemen who have no axe to grind, and who have examined the "evidence" of the present case with completely open minds, is that the eligibility would be decided, on the basis of two vital questions.

The first, and obvious one is "Has this competitor resided in Nationalist China TERRITORY for the five years preceding the Games?"

If the answer is in the negative then the next one would be "Where was his father born?" The reply to this second question is the one that may cause all the difficulty for if the answer is "On the mainland of China", the Olympic reaction would be interesting... and in view of China's double representation it could be as far-reaching as it is intriguing, particularly as the Olympic code does not include personal or family loyalties—however sincere and laudable—as a basis of eligibility.

I am no politician and I have no wish to dabble in politics. I consider that they should be kept as far as possible from the field of sport. This is not a provocative or an absurd article. It is one based solely on the calculated reasoning of a group of men who have examined all the aspects of an argument that might have to be settled eventually.

SOCCER POTENTIAL

And now from Mount Olympus to more mundane affairs and in particular to the prospects for the new season.

To me the most important single indication so far is that in spite of many predictions there is no apparent faltering off in the strength of South China.

A long tour with an unhappy ending, a heavy backlog of Summer League fixtures, and highly coloured stories of player movements have not dimmed the soccer potential of this all-conquering team.

It may be that a little later in the season they will begin to feel the strain, but as far as the opposition is concerned that will be very much a case of wishful thinking.

KMB, Champions a year ago, are the problem side. Failure to land Chan Fai-hung is a serious blow to their team building plans.

It may yet be proved that their decision to give young players a chance will be the right one but for the moment they must remain a team of many stars and some positional weaknesses.

Kitchener have shed some of their glamour boys but this may well prove to be a blessing in disguise as the players who have taken to other colours were no longer youngsters. If the officials build wisely there is no reason why the team should not emulate Sky Tao and be in the forefront of the battle for honours.

Eastern are making a bid to crash into the big time once again but their recruiting campaign which has gathered into the fold some of the aging veterans—big names as they may be—may not be enough to

guarantee success. Kwong Wah look to be in a similar position.

SERVICES SIDES

The three Services sides have been working hard repairing the ravages of the inevitable departures and must be something of an unknown quantity for a week or two. The Army has been fortunate in getting several experienced League players from the United Kingdom and once they have blended together the soldiers should be a match for the best.

The Royal Air Force has suddenly become a virile, active side and it is obvious already that increased official interest in the team is encouraging the players to give of their best. They have been playing together for some weeks now and there is every indication that they will make the opposition play for every goal and every point that is lost.

The Royal Navy preparation has been thorough and with the players having the benefit of prolonged coaching throughout the hot summer months from Tom Sneddon, they should be among the fittest sides in the League.

Over in Kowloon the Police have high hopes that this is going to be a good season for them and early practice shows that they are doing well. They have been going ahead quickly with their pre-season arrangements and will again be strongly represented.

Their Macao players' spirit of all that was prophesied will again be in action and the Saints will not be an easy side to beat.

Anti, so finally to the Hongkong Football Club, one of the grand old organisations of Colony football. It is difficult to forecast just how the Club, fortunes will go.

The problems of team building are getting no easier with the passing years but there is not the slightest doubt that the Blues and Whites will let their opponents know they have been in a game, and in traditional style they will probably bring off the biggest upsets of the season.

As the soccer curtain goes up the MacTavish Topper is doffed to the soccer public in the hope that they will see nothing but fine football... to the club officials, that they may see their ambitions satisfied... to the players, that they will hit top form and remain true to the jersey... and to the much maligned referees, that they may have the wisdom to decide where the law ends and justice begins...

THE PROGRAMME

Today: Sing Tao v. Club at Club; KMB v. R.F.C. at Caroline Hill; Police v. Eastern at Boundary St. All at 5.30 p.m.

Tomorrow: Kitchener v. Army at Club; South China v. Navy at Caroline Hill; CAA v. St. Joseph's at Boundary St. All at 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday: Kwong Wah v. Kitchener at Club; St. Joseph's v. Police at Boundary St. Both games at 5.40 p.m.

Wednesday: Army v. CAA at Sookunpo; Eastern v. KMB at Caroline Hill. Both games at 5.40 p.m.

Thursday: R.F.C. v. South China at Caroline Hill; Navy v. Sing Tao at Causeway Bay. Both games at 5.40 p.m.

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TOO MUCH SOCCER

The average football fan is usually scornful when the professional player complains about "too much football". He shouldn't. A fit man can be able to play on the Saturday and then in another match at mid-week?

The answer is that travelling hundreds of miles takes its toll. Players get tired. More important still, in no first-class sport is it possible to play at top pressure all the time.

For instance, I play a lot of tennis in summer. I can do it quite easily, because it is "friendly" tennis. But I'm quite sure the Wimbledon hope must find it a terrible strain simply because he plays against first-class opposition. He cannot afford to relax, or make too many mistakes, or he will be out.

It's the same with Soccer. You could play friendly matches every day of the week and feel no great strain, but League football against top-class opponents is a tremendous ordeal. It is a pity really that we haven't found some means of levelling out the fixtures list by spreading the season into two or by some similar scheme. A team could thus go into top pressure training, play the first 20 matches with ease—at sprint pace—rest for a few weeks in mid-season, then come back fresh for the final stages of the

competition. Only in this way could we be fairly sure that the best team would become League Champions. It often happens now that this title is won by the steady plodding sort of team—strong, usually robust, and which has managed to steer clear of injuries.

CASUALTY LIST

Have you noticed how many clubs have already lost star players with pulled muscles and strains which can be attributed to playing too many matches in the early part of the season?

Topping the list is Preston North End, who have had to play without their star match-winner, Tom Finney, in two games.

Manchester United have been without their two brilliant players, Tommy Taylor and Dennis Viollet.

Hull City have had to do without Tom Berry, Neil Franklin, Viggo Jensen and Billy Bly.

Blackpool, even though they are going well, have had their captain, Harry Johnston, out of action.

Arsenal's Bill Dickinson is hurt. The list of injured men has reached fantastic proportions. All due to hard grounds, and the congested fixtures list which doesn't give a player a chance to get over his injury.

When I was at Highbury, I asked Tom Lawton how he was enjoying his Soccer this season.

"Not so bad, Don," he replied. "Five games in seven days isn't so bad for an old 'un." As Tommy is nearly 30, I reckon he is a "young" old 'un! I may have been lucky, but the games I have played in so far this season have been most noticeable for the excellence of the refereeing.

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Players have reacted the right way. There have been few silly fouls and it is a treat to see free-kicks taken swiftly, so that there is no hold-up in the action of a game. No one likes to see a referee take up his position yards away before allowing a free-kick to be taken. Neither is it pleasant to see players adopt delaying tactics, or standing unnecessarily in front of the ball when a free-kick is about to be taken. I hope the trend continues.

Wiscerack of the week came from Manchester City's cheery back, Roy Little. When we played Cardiff City our team, after a fine start, fell away. Bert Trautmann in goal made a series of wonderful saves, then eventually dribbled the ball out of the penalty area before making a lovely short pass.

As Bert ran back to his goal Roy Little shouted: "Give me your blue one." We might do a lot better if you come out to score a few goals instead of stopping them!

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Cricket League Season Only A Week Away

The 1955/56 Cricket League season is only a week away and on the basis of performances at today's final trials and friendly matches the selection of club first elevens will to some extent depend.

There will be trials today at the Hongkong Cricket Club, Club de Recreio and Indian Recreation Club, Army South take on Craigengower at Happy Valley and Kowloon Cricket Club meet Army North at Cox's Path.

KCC, the defending Champions, are about the same side as last year with D. Coffey and P. Wood the mainstays of the batting department and an assortment of bowlers—B.C.N. Carmell, R. Bell, R. Jenner, R. E. Lee, D. Coffey and possibly two newcomers.

These are V. Fairhall, a good all-rounder, a formidable right-handed batsman who also bowls useful left arm medium pace bowlers, and F. Hull, a forceful left-handed batsman who can also be used as a change bowler.

Willie Davidson is temporarily invalided with cartilage trouble and will not be available until December.

The HKCC will depend again largely on "old hands." Missing from the Optimists will be opening bowlers T. P. Mahon, who is on leave, and K. G. Spink.

New names on the HKCC list include Pat Dodge, the former KCC opening bat and captain, who will be a great asset to either of the club sides if he is able to play regularly. There is also "N. N. Leigh-Bennett, who played for the RAF for several seasons, and W. Phinley, who kept wicket for the Singapore Cricket Club last year.

SOUTHEND PLANS TO BECOME THE BLACKPOOL OF THE SOUTH

Southend plans to become the Blackpool of the South. Not as a seaside resort—although it is very much like that now—but in the world of football. The go-ahead Directors of Southend United believe that what the Lancashire club has done on pigmy-sized Bloomfield Road ground they can emulate at the new Rootes Hall enclosure.

The potentialities of the place are terrific. It is situated in the centre of the town on the main London Road and looks capable of holding 60,000 people quite comfortably. Three sides of the ground have stands and 11,000 can be accommodated under cover. It is hoped to double that number.

The by-out of the main stand is excellent and the boilers for the modern dressing rooms and medical room are all electric. The playing pitch is well turfed although during a recent rainstorm there was flooding at one end which caused a match to be abandoned. The side is a natural amphitheatre with steeply banked mounds waiting to be terraced.

All this has been accomplished in under two years and the Board of Directors has done it. So have the Supporters' Club which has poured in thousands of pounds to the parent body. The club should prosper now that it has rid itself of the shackles of greyhound racing.

EXPERIENCE

Manager Harry Warren has looked after the playing side in a shrewd manner as becomes the son of the famous England and Sheffield United player, Ben Warren. The team is a nicely balanced mixture of youth and experience. There are such skilled performers as Kevin

Famous Sports Stars I Have Met

Joe Meares
By ARCHIE QUICK

Based on the age standard of the last half century, the fortunes of the Football Association are in the hands of comparatively young men. At the head stand the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary—Mr. Arthur Drewry, Mr. Joe Meares and Sir Stanley Rous—and they have one thing in common. They are always immaculately dressed and they are outstandingly handsome.

Mr. Drewry, a Director of Grimsby FC, is in the fish business in that town. Mr. Meares runs his late father's many business enterprises, and Sir Stanley, of course, is an expert Grammar School master. He was a League referee and was honoured with a Cup Final, but Meares is the only one who played serious football—and that was not in a very high amateur class.

Joe kept goal for Richmond Town and is now Chairman of that famous amateur organisation, Middlesex Wanderers, whose fifty odd years of existence have never included a home fixture—they play all their matches overseas. The qualification used to be that you had to have played for your country or your county, but that has now been relaxed.

BIG BUSINESS
Joe's father ran motor boats on the River Thames up and down stream from Richmond. He owned the Richmond Theatre and big gravel works on the Grand Union Canal at Rickmansworth, as well as a string of motor coaches. All those concerns are now big business, and as travelling them as well as travelling the world on behalf of Soccer. No wonder that he collapsed from overwork on the big night of his life—Chairmanship of the Dorchester Hotel dinner which duly celebrated Chelsea FC's Jubilee and the winning of their First Division One Championship.

For Mr. Meares is also Chairman of Chelsea. His father, as a hobby—as if he did not have enough to do—bought Stamford Bridge, and there can be no more valuable ground site at the moment than this enclosure in the centre of the West London. During the War Joe was in the air force over six feet tall and is big with it, joined the Royal Marines and finished as a stalwart captain.

Seven hundred people sat down to the Dorchester dinner, and the cost to Chelsea is nobody's business. But it was not all. Over 300 VIPs were at the Chelsea-Newcastle match which preceded the function. It was the annual FA Charity Shield game between cupholders and League champions, and as it was for charity Chelsea had to buy 300 of their own guinea grand stand tickets to accommodate their guests.

Answers To Sports Quiz

- Four. The opening game against Worcester and the first, second and fifth Tests.
- A tennis ball. It has been timed at 131 m.p.h.
- None.
- Robert Cohen of France.
- (a) Billard (b) Horsemanship (c) Cricket
- (a) English (b) Ecuadorian (c) Canadian.
- (a) Sam Snead (b) John Dillie (c) Bill Tilden (d) Geoff Duke.
- 70th.
- Ice Hockey.
- Boxing. Rules laid down by the Marquess of Queensberry. Awards donated by Lord Lonsdale.

The Local Rugger Season Should Be One Of The Most Interesting In Years

Says "PAK LO"

Once again on hot afternoons the air resounds to the thump of leather boots against an oblate pigskin, and men of heroic proportions propel themselves pantingly up and down a pitch in an endeavour to reduce their sweating bodies to more sylph-like shapes.

Thus slowly and surely do the many rugger enthusiasts train themselves to a fighting pitch in readiness for the new season, which is now almost upon us.

At the end of last season mention was made in this column that many changes could be expected in this year's fixture list. And such is indeed the case.

The Army, feeling that last season they swept them too easily, have agreed to field two teams viz. Army North, and Army South thus in the second half of the season the Pentangular Tournament becomes the Sextangular Tournament.

CUSTOM

In previous years it has also been the custom for half of the season to be devoted to "friendly" matches between the teams entered in this second half tournament. The usual result of this has been that by the time the Pentangular Tournament started most players and spectators had a fairly good idea of which team would emerge the victors, and thus part of the interest in the Tournament was detracted from it.

It has therefore been decided, and wisely, in my opinion, to open up the first half of the season by cancelling the old "friendly" and splitting up the major teams. As a result the Army will field four teams, the Gunners, 27 Brigade, HK & K Garrison, and 48 Brigade. The Club will field two teams, an "A" and a "B", both of approximately equal strength, while the RAF will split itself into RAF Mainland, and RAF Island. The Navy and the Police, not having sufficient players to regularly make two full sides, will each enter a single fifteen.

Ten teams will therefore appear in the pre-Christmas matches, each team playing every other team once. To accommodate the resultant rush of games, the fixture list has been arranged so that five games will be played each and every Saturday.

Definitely this promises a much more interesting display, and wider selection of games from the spectators' point of view, and makes the question of the Sextangular winner an open and debatable quantity.

MINOR GAMES

After the New Year the Sextangular will be the main point of interest, but there will be plenty of minor games as well. In case there are any doubts about the Army North being the much stronger team versus the Army South, or vice versa let me explain the method of selection for either team.

An imaginary line has been drawn across the Colony, and all players whose units lie to the North of the line may only turn out for Army North, and similarly for Army South. There can thus be no question of switching players between the teams to enable one or the other to win the Tournament. In theory all the teams will be of equal strength, and though in practice this will probably not be the case, at least the Tournament will be more open.

The Police, for instance, will start this season stronger than they have been for some years and though they have lost one or two good men are knitting better together than before.

The Club, which for the last couple of years has sagged slowly down the Tournament Table, has at long last had an infusion,

one might almost say an injection of new blood, particularly in its weakest department, the backs.

The Club indeed is putting in the most intensive training it has done for ages, and there is a spirit abroad amongst the players which has been sadly lacking these last two seasons, and which bodes ill for their opponents.

In this connection I have been asked to mention that training nights are Mondays and Wednesdays, and anyone interested is invited to "come and have a bash." While still on the subject of the Club, mention must be made that after Christmas they will still retain two teams, and that the "B" team will be playing as regularly as the 1st XV.

SUGGESTION

The Navy once again claim to have a really good team, but the Navy are invariably unlucky and whenever an important game is on their itinerary most of their best players go off to sea.

The only suggestion I can make is that the fixture list be shown to the Commodore with the request that he rearrange his manoeuvres to fit in with the rugger.

The Army has of course lost many good players during the off season as some famous regiments have gone home, but they have received if anything more replacements than they lost. As I am rather shaky on the subject of which regiments belong to the Army North or South I would not like to be quoted as saying which is the better of the two, but what information I have received indicates that Army South has the slight edge over its opposite number.

The Army naturally hopes that one or other will take the honours in the tournament, but personally I think their hopes will be dashed.

Talking of the Army, I understand Keith Gerard has returned to the Colony with a new unit, and will probably be seen in action again this season. The RAF, while they have no outstanding stars, have a very strong team, and last week gave a team from the NZ ship Waratah a heavy going over, so they should once more be well in the hunt for the No. 1 position.

No visits are scheduled for this season, those great warriors the Fijians having returned to their own land, and even the Army Knockout Unit Competition Final will be held in Singapore. However there is always the chance that some XV will be invited up for a series of games. On the whole this looks like being one of the most interesting and best rugger seasons for a long long time, and spectators should have little to complain about in the way of exciting battles.

FIXTURES

Here now is the fixture list:
Oct. 8th. Club Probables v Club Possibles.
Oct. 12th. J. R. Hendersons XV v Club.
Oct. 15th. Gunners v RAF Mainland. Police v Navy. Club "A" v RAF Island. Club "B"

v 27 Brigade. HK & K Garrison v 48 Brigade.

Oct. 22nd. 48 Brigade v Club "A". Navy v Gunners. HK & K Garrison v Club "B". RAF Island v 27 Brigade. RAF Mainland v Police.

Oct. 29th. Club "A" v Navy. Club "B" v Police. 27 Brigade v HK & K Garrison. 48 Brigade v Gunners.

Nov. 5th. Gunners v HK & K Garrison. RAF Mainland v 48 Brigade. Police v Club "A". RAF Island v Club "B". 27 Brigade v Navy.

Nov. 12th. Club v Wayfoong. HK & K Garrison v RAF Mainland. 48 Brigade v Police. Navy v RAF Island. 27 Brigade v Gunners.

Nov. 19th. Club "A" v Gunners. Navy v HK & K Garrison. Police v RAF Island. 48 Brigade v 27 Brigade. RAF Mainland v Club "B".

Nov. 20th. 27 Brigade v Club "A". Gunners v RAF Island. Club "B" v 48 Brigade. RAF Mainland v Navy. HK & K Garrison v Police.

Dec. 3rd. Club "A" v RAF Mainland. Club "B" v Gunners. Navy v 48 Brigade. Police v 27 Brigade. RAF Island v HK & K Garrison.

Dec. 10th. Club "A" v HK & K Garrison. Navy v Club "B". 27 Brigade v RAF Mainland. RAF Island v 48 Brigade. Police v Gunners.

Dec. 17th. RAF Mainland v RAF Island. 48 Brigade v Gunners. Gunners v 27 Brigade. HK & K Garrison v Navy. Club "A" v Club "B".

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Jan. 7th. Police v Army S. Club v Navy. RAF v Army N. Jan. 14th. Rest of Colony v Rest of Services. CBE's XV v Dr. J. H. McElroy's XV.

Jan. 21st. Army S. v Navy. RAF v Club. Police v Army N. Jan. 28th. Army N. v Army S. Navy v RAF. Club v Police.

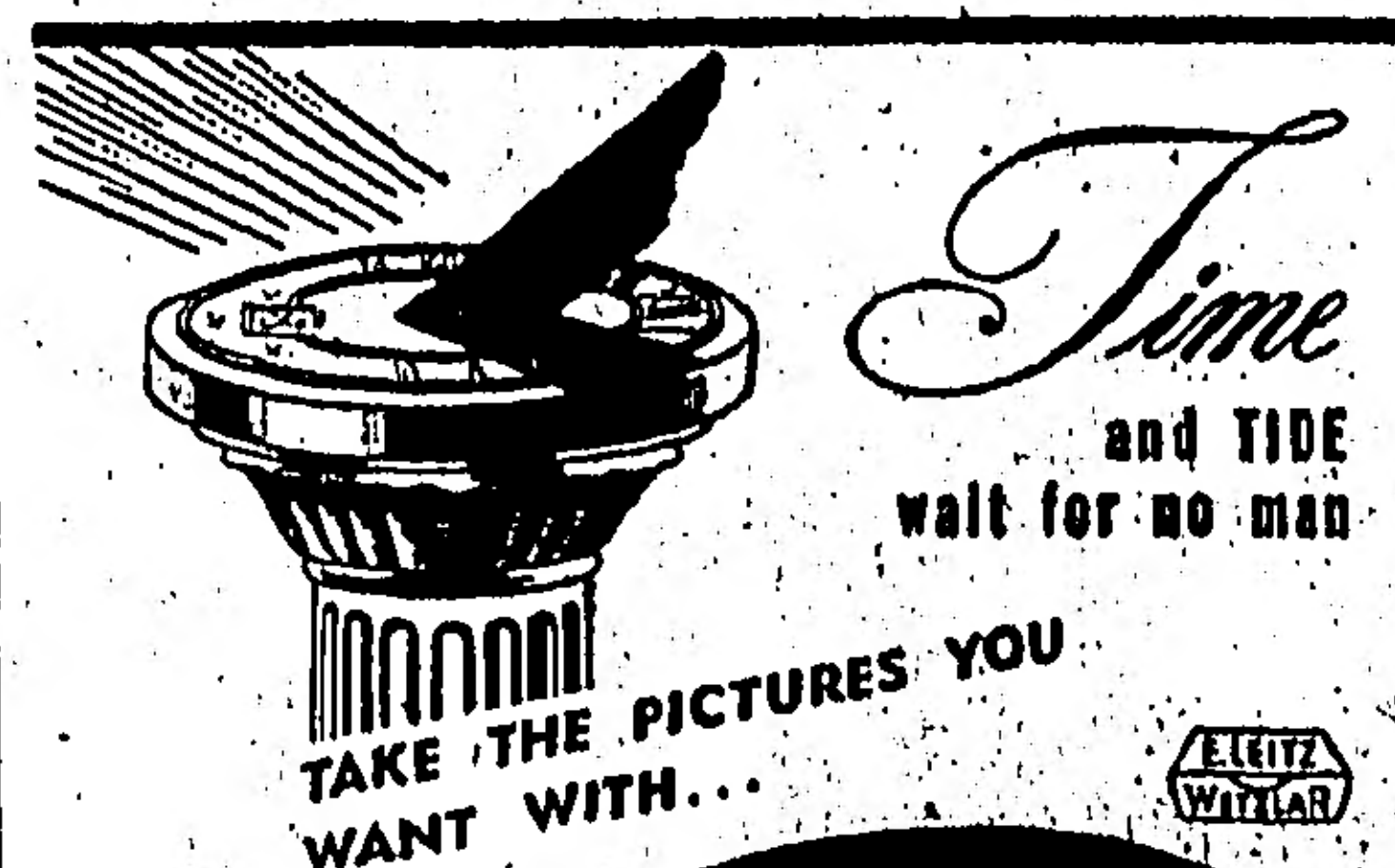
Feb. 4th. Army S. v Club. RAF v Police. Army N. v Navy. Feb. 11th. Club v Army N. RAF v Army S. Navy v Police.

Feb. 18th. Police v RAF. Navy v Club. Army S. v Army N. Feb. 25th. Army N. v RAF. Club v Army S. Police v Navy.

Mar. 3rd. Police v Club Army S v RAF. Navy v Army N. Mar. 10th. Army N. v Club. RAF v Navy. Army S. v Police.

Mar. 17th. Club v RAF. Army N. v Police. Navy v Army S. Mar. 21st. Sevens qualifying rounds.

Mar. 24th. Sevens qualifying rounds. Mar. 27th. Sevens Finals. Mar. 31st. Wayfoong v Club.



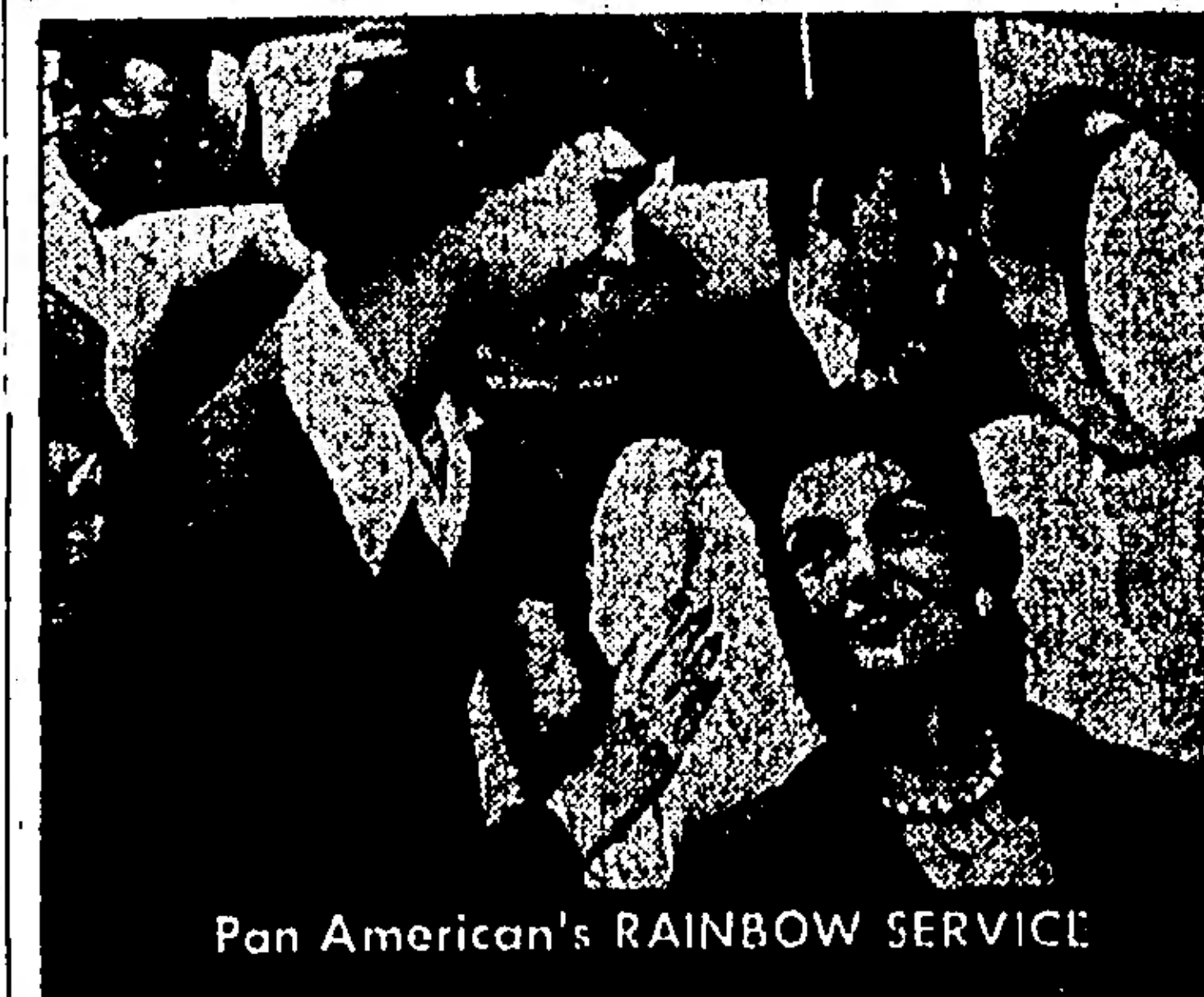
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